

Festive View

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Hospital recovery plans drawn up

A COMPREHENSIVE plan aimed at putting Dorset's cash-strapped county hospital into the recovery position has been drawn up.

It aims to secure the hospital's future by making savings of £11 million by the end of the next financial year – cancelling out a £7.4 million

by David Dawson

shortfall in this year's accounts. It will involve the loss

of around 200 staff jobs – but in an exclusive interview with the View from,

acting chief executive Derek Smith said no decision has yet been taken over the future of the hospital's popular breast cancer service although it was "under review".

Mr Smith said: "We will be putting our recovery plan into place next year – starting off by restructuring the management of the trust and going on to begin 37 projects to improve performance and efficiency in the hospital.

"These will also be aimed at reducing our costs in 2010/2011 and will result in a reduction of our work force - The first stage in getting our trust back to financial strength.

"These will mean a saving of £11 million before the end of the next financial year.

"Staff reduction will ultimately be close to 200 but this will include some redundancies, some natural turnover and some relocation to other hospitals or trusts in the region.

"We also need to re-

view our breast cancer service. Because it is quite small and needs very specialised support we have had some difficulty.

"We have got to look to ensure the service meets NHS standards and requirements but we have not yet made any firm decision on the unit's future.

"We realise it is a deeply appreciated service but we need to make sure that whatever happens we have a service that is reliable and safe.

"But I stress no decision has yet been made either way."

The plan results from a meeting with staff this week and follows the intervention by Monitor, the national regulator of Foundation Trust hospitals.

The plan's first phase aims to reduce the number of senior managers working at the hospital.

Up to 28 posts are expected to be made redundant by March next year,

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MP pops in to deliver the post

OLIVER Letwin MP braved the blizzards in and around London to make an early morning visit to Dorchester's Royal Mail delivery office.

Mr Letwin called in to see for himself exactly how the local postmen and women deal with the mountain of festive mail.

He was greeted by Delivery Office Manager Stuart Butt, and took the opportunity to meet some of the 83 hard working staff who provide a first class service for the residents of Dorchester and the surrounding villages. At this, the Royal Mail's busiest time of the year, over 21,000 addresses have their mail delivered in time for



■ MP Oliver Letwin chats to postman Andrew Jardine

Christmas.

The huge piles of letters and parcels have to be seen to be believed. It is a massive undertaking to sort and deliver so much mail.

However, the atmosphere in the delivery office appears to remain good humoured despite the enormity of the task.

The MP was interested

to hear about the volume of mail handled, and took the time to chat to staff, thank them for their hard work, and wish them a merry Christmas.

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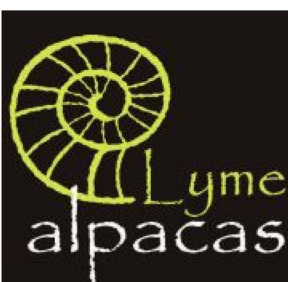


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THE Reverend Canon Andrew Evans, 52, took over as the new Team Rector of the Bridport Team Ministry in November.

As the Team Rector, The Reverend Canon Evans looks after six churches in Bridport and the surrounding area.

Originally from South Wales he moved to the area from North Wiltshire where he was the Rector of a group of eight churches known as the Gauzebrook group.

The Reverend Canon Evans lives in the rectory by St Mary's church, with his wife Chris, youngest daughter Chloe, son-in-law Tony, and their granddaughter Amelia.

■ HOW are you settling in since your arrival?

I'm really enjoying it. It's a very friendly town and there is lots going on. The churches have been really welcoming and they are full of really talented and good people who are really engaged with their local community. It's a really good place to be.

■ HOW busy is the Christmas period for you?

We have lots on. All of the churches have services on Christmas eve and Christmas day and it is a particularly special and busy time of the year because it's a time when lots of people who wouldn't normally come, come along to church. It's really great to welcome old and new friends at Christmas time. There is something about Christmas that makes people more relaxed, friendlier and happier and that's something about the essence of what Christmas is. Christmas is about peace on earth and goodwill to all people and we get that most Christmases in our churches which is fantastic so it's a very busy time.

■ WHAT is your favourite part of Christmas?

Christmas afternoon. When all the services have finished it's an opportunity to be with the family. It's such a busy time and by Christmas afternoon I'm really tired so it's just a nice time to rest and enjoy Christmas myself with the family.

■ WHAT is your favourite Christmas memory?

The first Christmas with our daughters was a very special Christmas. My wife and I spent a long time getting it ready for them and then seeing them enjoying the paper and the box more than the present was a really special time. We've got the blessing of that again this year because our granddaughter is living with us and it is her first Christmas so we are going to enjoy another first Christmas this year.

■ WHAT is the most important thing to remember at Christmas?

The most important thing is the reason for the season and why we are celebrating and that is obviously because we are remembering the birth of Jesus. It was a fantastic gift from God that came into the world and that really for the

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churches and the Christians is the focus. We all get wrapped up a bit in the hustle and bustle of the festivities, which are great as well, but the real core message is what God did for us when he gave us Jesus.

■ WHAT is on your Christmas list this year?

I've asked for some books because I like to read. I'm particularly interested in the history of the Royal Navy so

I've got a couple of books that I've seen in the book shops in town that I've asked for. One of which is to go with a new series that starts after Christmas with Dan Snow. I'm looking forward to watching that as well as reading the book.

■ WHAT are the best and worse presents you've ever received?

The best present was when my wife bought me an annual ticket for the local golf course which I thought was a very generous gift, not just because of the cost but because of the time I then spent on the golf course. I'm very much an "if only" golfer. If only it had gone a bit further, if only it had gone straight in or if only it hadn't hit that man. The worst, well there is a long list of disappointments really but inevitably socks and handkerchiefs. They always seem to pop up and I just wonder why?

■ WHAT three dream guests would you like round for Christmas dinner?

Admiral Jackie Fisher. He was chief of the navy at the turn of the century. He was a very devoted Christian man and a very difficult man by all accounts but he prepared the country ready for what he could see looming with the First World War. The rest of the family would hate it but I think that would be really quite something. It would be quite nice to have St Paul because he was such a driven man and without all his efforts the church as we know it today wouldn't exist so I'd like to know how he did it. Finally, for a bit of fun I would have Eric Morecambe who would keep us entertained and get us laughing.

■ WHAT are your New Year's resolutions?

To try and keep the ones that I haven't kept for the last 40 years. I think probably to try and get a better balance in my life to give me more time to enjoy Bridport because it does tend to be very busy. It's a fantastic place to live with the beauty of the countryside and the coast so I want to make sure I have time to enjoy that.

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Woman cut from car following house collision

A WOMAN driver had to be cut out of her car after colliding with a house in Poundbury – leaving it “wobbling”.

Police said the car, a blue Daihatsu driven by a Dorchester woman, had collided with the house opposite Nantillo Street on the main road through Poundbury leaving a hole in

its outside wall.

The driver was cut free by firemen believed to be suffering from chest injuries.

A West Dorset District Council Building Inspector called to the scene on Wednesday afternoon found the house in Holmead Walk was “unstable” and still moving,

causing a danger to pedestrians.

Police closed off the area.

The driver was taken to Dorset County Hospital where her injuries were said not to be life threatening.

The area remained closed to pedestrians while structural engineers examined the building and started work to make it safe.



■ THE car being removed from the scene

Lurcher puppy stolen from home

A LURCHER puppy has been stolen from her home in Melbury Bubb, near Dorchester, leaving her family “distracted”.

Police said she was taken between 6.30am on December 15th and 7.30pm December 16th. She is 15-weeks-old and

has a broken brindle coat and is micro chipped.

She also has a tattoo in her ear which reads DHW MO37.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

Acting Inspector Steve Hughes said: “This theft has left the fam-

ily distraught. I would urge anyone who knows the whereabouts of the dog to contact police immediately, either through their local station or by using crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 and quoting crime number 55173.”

Hospital recovery plan

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with formal staff consultations likely to start in January.

Nick Hateboer, the hospital’s medical director said: “We understand how much our hospital is valued by our local community so it is vital we take prompt action to safeguard the hospital’s future.”

“The hospital is currently losing over £500,000 a month and, if nothing is done, our losses will spiral out of control.

“If we take no action, our losses will reach £11 million by March 2011 and £17 million by March 2012.

“The hospital has got into these financial problems because since 2006 it has recruited over 300 new staff and invested heavily in services in the hope that it would attract more patients. But these extra patients never came and so we are left with rising costs but without the income to cover them.

“If we are to have a sustainable hospital for the future we need to get back to our 2007 staffing levels when the costs of our hospital matched our income.” He added: “Our detailed investigations show that we can return to financial health by making efficiency and productivity savings and do not need to make major cuts in services.

“This is great news for patients and the local community who I know have been worried that some of our treasured services would have to be shut down or moved to neighbouring hospitals.”



Skate park cash boost

■ MARK Noble receives a cheque for £300 from Phil Gordon and BID Board Member Gerald Duke

CHRISTMAS came early for users of Dorchester’s skate park.

A cheque for £300 from Dorchester BID was handed over to chairman of the skate park Committee, Mark Noble.

The money will go towards funding some additional seating for spectators.

This gesture further enhances the support given to this enterprise by the BID, and is a mark of appreciation for all the people it brings into the county town to visit its newest attraction and use the amenities of Dorchester.

It also gives the locals endless fun and plenty of exercise. Although there is still the occasional problem with litter, the youngsters are doing their best to look after their skate park and its surroundings.

Phil Gordon, Project Director for Dorchester BID, said: “We are absolutely delighted with the positive impact the skate park has made to the town, and would like to congratulate all those responsible for making this a reality.

“Dorchester really needs facilities like this, and when we attended the recent Sk8 Jam event we were all very

by Anita Harries

impressed by the friendliness, skill and infectious enthusiasm from all the participants.

“For me it was particularly nice to see the older skaters looking out for and encouraging some of the younger ones.”

The hope is that suitable benches can be sourced and even fabricated by a local business, and the skate park committee would love to hear from anyone interested in co-sponsoring the furniture.

Mr Noble said: “It’s great that the BID is getting involved with the skate park, which is the result of initiatives like this along with the community and skate park users coming together to get things done.


“Our skate park is one of the best in the country, and improvements are always welcome. Some good quality benches would really help.”

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very Happy Christmas
& Best Wishes for 2010

Daisy Taylor
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Mummy & Daddy xxx

To my Darling Lee
Missing you always
Lots of Love Carol xxxx

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on 23rd December
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on the 21st December
Love Nanny & Grandad

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friend, have a great day!
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your driving test,
Love Nan & Grandad

Merry Christmas Nan & Grandad
Love from all the
family xxx

Happy Birthday Doris Hague
Love from all your children,
Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Meeting to discuss digital reception

by David Dawson

BAD TV reception and loss of pro-
grammes across West Dorset since
the digital re-tune is to be the subject
of a public meeting organised by
local Liberal Democrats.

West Dorset Parliamentary candi-
date Dr Sue Farrant said she was re-
ceiving a large number of complaints
from viewers, especially in the west
of the region – and plans to call the
meeting with Digital UK bosses if
there is a big enough public re-
sponse.

In general the complaints, from
Lyme Regis, Bridport and Beamin-
ster in particular, are the same.

Since the retune ITV 3 and 4 chan-
nels have been lost. And other chan-
nels received in other areas like
Yesterday and Dave are not avail-
able.

Programmes are also regularly in-
terrupted with screens going blank
and a "no signal" message flashed

up.
Gini Emery, of Rax Lane, Bridport
said: "I am very angry over this. We
were promised more channels
whereas in fact we have now ended
up losing some we already had."

"It is also very annoying to keep
losing the signal. It always seems to
happen at a crucial time in whatever
I am watching. It seems to happen
when planes or helicopters are going
over – I don't know if there is a con-
nection but it would certainly be a
good idea if those responsible were
called to explain what has gone
wrong."

Dr Farrant said: "Initially most of
my complaints were coming from
the Lyme area but I now understand
Bridport and Beaminster also have
similar problems

"A number of people have con-
tacted me to complain about the poor
reception in the Lyme Regis area
since the digital switchover and I
now understand it's also bad in Brid-
port and Beaminster and Dorchester
may have problems too."

"I have been in touch with Digital
UK about this but was told that noth-
ing would improve until 2012/13 –
and I did not think that was accept-
able."

"Therefore I arranged to meet Bill
Taylor, Digital UK's Regional Man-
ager to discuss the problems people
are having. We met yesterday and Mr
Taylor was very helpful, explaining
that some reception problems can be
fairly easily resolved whilst others
are more difficult."

"I am proposing to organise a pub-
lic meeting early in the new year for
people to come and tell Mr Taylor
face to face about the problems they
are experiencing. He is confident that
he will be able to give advice that
will help resolve some of the prob-
lems and he will also explain the cur-
rent situation, including why some
people have been unable to receive
ITV 3 and 4 since October."

"I need to know, though, how many
people in the area are having signifi-
cant reception problems and would
like to take up this opportunity to ask
people to contact me either by ring-
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at sue.farrant@west-dorset-
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Comparing Dorset's cliffs to the Himalayas

by David Dawson

STUDENT Skalzang Rigzin has learnt to love the cliffs of West Dorset's Jurassic Coast in his time here. But they are a little flat compared to the mountains of his homeland – where he works as a mountain guide in the Himalayas.

During holidays from Kingston Maurward College Skalzang returns to his former life as a Sherpa; during his last trip home he scaled more than 15,000 metres in three previously unclimbed peaks.

He also helped rescue a woman member of the British Schools Exploring Society (BSES) suffering from altitude sickness, during a gruelling 28-day expedition, and also acted as a guide for girls from Beaconsfield High School on a five day trek.

When the 27-year-old finishes the second year of his Foundation Degree at the Dorchester campus next July he plans to return to the iconic Asian mountain system and the career he loves.

He says he will use his newly-acquired qualification in Outdoor Adventure Management to set up his own Sherpa business.

"At Kingston Maurward I've been learning about project management, cash flow and business generally," said Skalzang, who comes from Ladakh (CORR) in India.

"And I've also been doing outdoor activities I've never tried before such as caving and canoeing along with those I have – kayaking and rock climbing.

"But I shall miss Dorset's cliffs and the sea when I go home. We don't have the sea there."

His rescue this summer saw him carry the BSES member down more than a thousand metres although he says altitude sickness among visitors is commonplace.

"I've had to save people who've fallen down crevasses," he said, "and I've pulled a man from the



■ SKALZANG Rigzin in action in the Himalayas

freezing water after he fell from a bridge.

"The Himalayas are very dangerous. You have to contend with glaciers, peaks, crevasses and avalanches every

day."

Skalzang is being sponsored for his studies by Bryanston School in Blandford where he works as an outdoor education assistant.



Christmas pamper hamper

■ DORSET Community Action staff presented Molly Rennie with a Christmas Pamper Hamper for the Dorchester Womens' Refuge from donations which staff and local groups and organisations have been contributing to since October and from those who attended the recent Dorchester Area Partnership Community Lunch.

A raffle at the lunch raised another £112 which will enable the children in the Refuge to be taken out to buy their mum's a Christmas present. Pictured are DCA staff with Molly Rennie

LETS save money this Christmas

DORCHESTER and South Dorset LETS is celebrating its 15th birthday this month and wants to help more local people save money this Christmas.

They are looking for new members to join this Local Exchange Trading System, which helps people swap services without using money.

The idea behind LETS is that everyone has something they can offer and by exchanging goods and skills it enables people to acquire services they may not be able to afford otherwise or simply have the time to do themselves.

LETS Group Co-ordinator Katy Murrell said: "This is a great way to get the help you need, support local people to use their skills and

make new friends as our trading events are good fun too."

The scheme covers Dorchester, Weymouth, Portland and surrounding villages. It offers another way to beat the credit crunch and save money at Christmas by enabling members to "buy" and "sell" services using their own local currency called "marts".

LETS members are trading goods and services that range from DIY, gardening, child and pet sitting, to computer assistance, accounting, massage, complementary therapies, organic food and holiday homes.

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Once upon a Christmas at Damers Road



■ GOLDILOCKS looking pretty as a picture

ONCE Upon a Christmas was the seasonal offering from pupils in year one at Damers First School, which was an extravaganza of children's stories and festive fun.

Based around four fairy stories – Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, and the Three Billy Goats Gruff – the performance was a wonderful mix of singing, dancing and storytelling.

Pretty snowflakes twisted and turned across the stage. The pupils threw themselves wholeheartedly into their roles, ably coaxed and supported by an army of

by Anita Harries

year one staff.

Frosty the Snowman, All by Myself, and Bridge Over Troubled Water were all handled expertly by the children, with just a little prompting.

There was, however, a message to this play which became evident as it drew to a close. Christmas is about friendship, love and sharing, about new friendships and changing for the better.

A packed school hall erupted with applause as the strains of the final song died away. And well deserved it was.



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Carols in the cold

DESPITE freezing cold conditions, the hardy people of Dorchester turned out for the annual Carols in the Borough Gardens.

Hot chocolate and apple mull, served by the hard working ladies from Friends of the Borough Gardens, helped keep the icicles at bay as the Encore Singers led the carol singing.

Brave souls from the Durnovaria Silver Band provided the musical accompaniment as the night air

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filled with the sounds of old favourites such as Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Silent Night.

Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford, thanked everyone who had turned out when they could have been curled up at home in front of the fire, defrosted her fellow councillors, and wished everyone a very merry Christmas.



■ THE Encore Singers lead the carols

Cash boost for Prince of Wales School equipment

■ THE Portland Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes chose the Prince of Wales School, Dorchester for their 2009 Annual Appeal.

Mike Beaumont, Provincial Grand Primo and Les Cuff, Provincial Grand Officer, presented a cheque for the sum of £1,624 to Peter Farrington, Headteacher at The Prince of Wales School.

The money will be used to purchase play equipment for the children.



Blitz project comes to Thomas Hardy

THE CHIEF Constable of Dorset Martin Baker and Chief Fire Officer Darren Gunter have taken a close look at the Blitz youth project at Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester.

During November and December, the Blitz team has been visiting secondary schools across rural

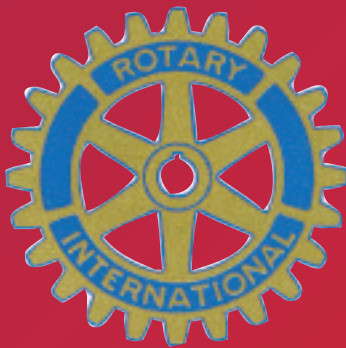
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The project was launched in November 2007 with the aim to inform and educate young people about the consequences of and risks associated with drinking alcohol.

It is a multi-agency initiative between Dorset Police, Dorset Safe

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■ CHILDREN from the cast of Cinderella

Children wows audience with Cinderella

YOU are always in for a treat if you go into the Prince of Wales School in Dorchester to watch one of their productions. And Cinderella was no exception.

Based on the Roald Dahl version as opposed to the traditional one, years three and four threw themselves into a brilliantly superb performance.

The infectious enthusiasm of the children for this play shone through in each and every one of them. Humour was definitely the order of the day, with the songs having interesting titles such as "Smelly Feet Blues".

Everything about the "alternative" Cinderella held your attention throughout.

The Ugly Sisters, Hannah Breakwell and Emily McLoughlin, made the stage their own and were absolutely amazing.

They both gave a truly professional performance. The storyline swapped cleverly from the traditional to the original.

Review by Anita Harries

The Ugly Sisters were beheaded by the Prince, the slipper was flushed down the loo, and Cinderella married a simple jam maker.

Amidst sprinklings of magic stardust from the Magic Fairy, she decided she could not possibly marry someone who cut heads off for fun.

This is why schools pride themselves on their productions.

The children always rise to the occasion in one way or another, and those of the Prince of Wales School certainly did themselves and their school proud.

It was the kind of play you could watch time and time again and still enjoy it as much as the first time. Well done years three and four, from heroine Cinderella to the smallest of the rats.

You were all great!

Busy year for Youth Extra

DORCHESTER Youth Extra held their recent AGM in the council chamber at West Dorset District Council in front of councillors from both the town and the district councils.

Along with the refreshments, guests had the opportunity to try their very own Youth Extra Cocktail.

Devised by the youngsters, it is entitled "Blue Lagoon", and is 100-percent alcohol-free.

Dorchester Youth Extra has had a busy year. Their membership is growing, and they have continued to work hard towards their main aim of improving the lives of young people in and around the county town as well as maintaining strong links with the community.

They have held several "Club Anonymous" nights, formerly called "Igite", which have been successful.

They give young people under the age of 18 the experience of being in a real nightclub, while at the same time demonstrating that they do not need drugs, alcohol or nicotine to have a good time.

Local groups and DJs provide the music, Dorset V and Dorset Community Action lend a hand, and advisors from various different agencies go along to hand out advice. These include the fire and rescue services, drug and alcohol advisors and sexual health counsellors.

Four holiday hang-outs were held in Dorchester, Charlton Down, Crossways and Puddletown.

Youngsters had the chance to take part in activities such as nail decorating, hair braiding, pottery and t-shirt design.

The Anonymous 09 festival held in Maumbury Rings was hailed a success despite the poor weather. It was

another great experience for the young people, and a video of the event was shown to guests.

This year Dorchester Youth Extra has raised almost £30,000.

They are being competent at applying for grants, and grateful for the help and support they receive from Dorchester Town and West Dorset District Councils.

Community Development Officer Emma Scott is in awe of the work and commitment put in by the young people, many of whom have received accreditations for their endeavours.

2010 will see them continuing to improve the image of young people.

Another festival is planned, there will be more club nights and holiday activities, and they will also be embarking on an inter-generational project.



■ THE young people of Dorchester Youth Extra with Emma Scott

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What to look out for

- Commonly used 'sales pitches': Anything that sounds too good to be true usually is. Be especially aware of very low initial estimates.
- Door knockers: never hire a contractor who offers their services door to door.

- Pointing out fictional problems: View descriptions of awful or very complicated problems with suspicion. If you can't easily find out about it online, it's probably not true.
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Tempting Christmas shoppers with homemade crafts



■ BEAUTIFUL display of knitwear – and still knitting

THE Dorset Art and Craft Show took over the Corn Exchange in Dorchester and tempted Christmas shoppers to buy some unique hand-crafted items for that extra special present.

More than 40 local artists and craftspeople exhibited a range of gifts.

All exhibitors were prohibited from displaying any brought in goods.

Organiser Lindsay Anderson said: "We wish to get back to the original intention of a true craft show, where visitors can see demonstrations and meet the makers of all the work on display."

There was a lot to choose from including handmade jewellery from Dawn Woodward and Adornare, kiln glassware by Elizabeth Simmonds, and stoneware ceramics and kiln formed glass of Colour Junkies.

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Carlsson Art exhibited unique natural wooden items for both inside and outside the house. Handbags, designer knitwear, acrylic art and accessories for the home were all well represented.

The beautiful images from Phillips Photographic mixed with original artworks, furniture restoration and poetry. Petit Canard carried a range of gifts and accessories for babies and children, while other stalls displayed goods for dogs and horses.

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Pupils prepare to launch into space



■ LAURIE prepares the rockets for launching

It was 40-years-ago that man first landed on the moon.

Although pupils from year four at the Prince of Wales School in Dorchester were not aiming that high, they certainly hoped their very own rocket launch would at least get off the ground.

During their recent World War Two project, they came across an article on the Home Guard and the rockets they fired during the war from batteries across the country.

Although they never did any real damage, and in all probability never actually hit anything, the children decided to have a go at

by Anita Harries

making their own.

They constructed their own rockets from card and patiently waited for favourable weather conditions to send them skyward.

At 1.30pm on an overcast and very cold December afternoon, the big moment finally arrived. Rocket after rocket was successfully fired amid great excitement.

All launched without a hitch and landed safely, despite surprising the odd innocent dog walker. They may not have reached the moon, but so much was gained by the chil-

dren in this practical approach to science and history. What better way to understand rocket power than to build and fire your own.

More was to come when teacher Laurie Barbour lit a fireball and swung it round and round his head.

With all the children at a safe distance, this was yet another example of bringing science to life.

This visual experiment demonstrated how just half a litre of burning fuel looks, how it gets brighter as it moves faster, and how you need oxygen to make it burn successfully.



■ YEAR four pupils with their rockets



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Shoeboxes brighten Christmas for many

THANKS to Dorset donations to Operation Christmas Child, 23,800 shoeboxes full of presents are being sent to children facing difficult lives in several countries.

Shoeboxes were donated by members of the public, schools, companies, churches and organisations from communities across the county, including Beaminster, Bridport, Dorchester, Lyme Regis and Weymouth.

The shoeboxes were checked in the Operation Christmas Child processing centre at Christchurch and are being sent to children in Belarus, Bosnia and Liberia.

Area Co-ordinators Peter & Eileen Ivermee said: "On behalf of Operation Christmas Child and all our volunteers, I just want to send a huge 'thank you' to every single person who donated a shoebox this year.

"This has been a hard year for many

by Tom Glover

people in Dorset, and we are just knocked out by the fact so many of them have put together a shoebox. It has such a positive effect on the child that receives it and we want everyone here to know that their gifts make a real difference.

"When they arrive in the destination country the shoeboxes are distributed on the basis of need by local organisations, charities and churches to children aged between two and 14, many living in orphanages, street shelters, hospitals, displaced persons camps or whose families are facing hardship due to poverty. The joy that the shoeboxes bring lightens their lives, and the care and consideration that people here put into choosing their gifts shines through in the personal touches

and in the items they send."

Ian Macleod, Head of Operations and Logistics for Operation Christmas Child added: "The last lorry loads of shoeboxes from the UK are just heading off now and, while we are still tallying up the final numbers, we will be distributing over 1.1 million donated shoeboxes, a quite outstanding figure. The caring nature of so many people has been particularly important this year because many of the countries to which we take the shoeboxes are having a harsh time as a result of the global recession - worse than the UK.

"I would like to add my thanks to everyone in Dorset who has taken part in Operation Christmas Child - you really have made Christmas better for many, many children."



BOXING DAY DIP - Members of the Bridport Round Table in Bridport on Saturday

Christmas and new year refuse collection days

REFUSE and recycling collections over Christmas and New Year in West Dorset are as follows:

Normal day	Rearranged day
Friday 25 December	Tuesday 29 December
Monday 28 December	Wednesday 30 December
Tuesday 29 December	Thursday 31 December
Wednesday 30 December	Saturday 2 January
Thursday 31 December	Monday 4 January
Friday 1 January	Tuesday 5 January
Monday 4 January	Wednesday 6 January
Tuesday 5 January	Thursday 7 January
Wednesday 6 January	Friday 8 January
Thursday 7 January	Saturday 9 January
Friday 8 January	Monday 11 January
Monday 11 January	Tuesday 12 January

Tuesday 12 January	Wednesday 13 January
Wednesday 13 January	Thursday 14 January
Thursday 14 January	Friday 15 January
Friday 15 January	Saturday 16 January

The district council will also be collecting real Christmas trees on refuse collection days for recycling into compost from January 11th-16th and 18th - 22nd. You can arrange for your tree to be collected at www.dorsetforyou.com/christmastrees/west or by calling 01305 251010 from January 4th during office hours. Please contact no later than 24 hours before refuse collection day.

For more information about Christmas holiday and New Year arrangements and events in West Dorset, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/christmasarrangements/west

Get in the swim!

MEMBERS of the Bridport Round Table were in town on Saturday to tempt passers by into a Boxing Day dip at West Bay.

The West Bay Wallow at East Beach attracted 55 swimmers last year and a crowd of around 3,000.

The Bridport Round Table are organising the event for the second year and are hoping to attract even more people this year.

The Mayor Martin Ray will be there to start the

race and also to judge the best fancy dress costume.

Swimmers can collect their own sponsorship but there will also be a public collection on the day for local charities.

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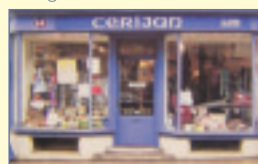
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IT'S THAT time of the year when everyone starts asking themselves why they bother to pay for their TV Licence and claim - quite possibly through the use of rose tinted glasses - that Christmas telly just ain't what it used to be.

But before you reach for the stand-by button on that remote control and embrace the company of family and friends rather than staying glued to the goggle box this Christmas, just take a look at the *Festive View's* top picks of the festive season.

GOODBYE, DAVID

THE event on BBC1 this Christmas is undoubtedly David Tennant's swansong as the Tenth Doctor. The climax to his tenure has been building up nicely through a number of special one-off episodes since the latest series of *Doctor Who* concluded last year.

The plot itself is seemingly under wraps but we do know that John Simm returns as The Master, as does The Doctor's old companion, Donna (Catherine Tate), along with her

grandfather (the ever reliable Bernard Cribbins).

Who fans can catch the first part of 'The End of Time' on Christmas Day at 6pm, with the second and final part going out on New Year's Day at 6:40pm.

In fact, David Tennant seems to be overtaking the Beeb this Christmas. You can catch him in a special Christmas edition of *QI* on Christmas Eve (BBC1, 10pm) and on Boxing Day in the leading role of the Royal Shakespeare Company's celebrated production of *Hamlet* (BBC2, 5:05pm).

JUST FOR LAUGHS

LONG gone are the days when you could always look forward to Christmas with the Trotters, and the Beeb has struggled to find a replacement for *Only Fools and Horses* in the comedy department.

Although not a Christmas special as such, this year the focus is on *Gavin and Stacey*. Rumour has it this third season - which concludes over the festive period - will be the last.

You can catch the final two episodes on Christmas Day (BBC1, 10pm) and New Year's Day (BBC1, 9pm) respectively.

Another modern favourite is *Outnumbered*, starring Hugh Dennis and Claire Skinner alongside three remarkably good child actors. If you've never caught it before, the Christmas Special (December 27th, BBC1, 10:30pm) will be a good place to start.

Personally, when it comes to Christmas comedy, I'm looking forward to Victoria Wood's long overdue return to our screens.

Victoria Wood's *Midlife Christmas* (Christmas Eve, BBC1, 9pm) sees her spoof the likes of Lark Rise To Candleford and Cranford in 'Lark Pies To Cranchesterford', and take off Alan Sugar's sidekick Margaret Mountford in a send-up of *The Apprentice*.

And 'Acorn Antiques' fans won't want to miss Julie Walters as Bo Beaumont, the self-important actress who played Mrs Overall in the wonderful soap opera parody.

Catherine Tate has become a Christmas staple in more recent years. Her take - or rather her character Nan's take - on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is broadcast Christmas Day (BBC1, 10:30pm).

Her *Doctor Who* co-star David Tennant (not him, again!!!) is among those making guest appearances.

Of course, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Morecambe and Wise. We all moan when the Beeb drag out the repeats but we still watch them.

You can catch Eric and Ernie's 1973 Christmas Special - again - on Boxing Day (BBC2, 9:10pm).

And you can also watch Ant and Dec trying to emulate the duo with their own Christmas show earlier the same evening (ITV1, 7:30pm).

DRAMA

AS FOR drama, well, if you can watch it with a straight face having seen Victoria Wood's send-up, the second of a two-

part festive special of *Cranford* is on December 27th (BBC1, 9pm). Judi Dench, Imelda Staunton and Jonathan Pryce star.

ITV serves up the long overdue sequel to the ground-breaking *The Naked Civil Servant* on Christmas Bank Holiday Monday.

John Hurt returns as Quentin Crisp in *An Englishman In New York* (ITV1, 9pm). *Sex and the City's* Cynthia Nixon co-stars in this one-off play, picking up from where the original 1975 production left off.

David Suchet is back as Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot on Christmas Day (ITV1, 9pm) in 'Appointment With Death'. Remarkably, Suchet has only ten more Poirot stories to film, having now made 61 with ITV since 1989!

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

WHAT I look forward to the most at Christmas is the BBC's ghost story offering.

This tradition, which has recently been revived, goes back to the 1970s; each year a different tale - usually adapted from one of M.R. James' short stories - would terrify audiences and act as the perfect antidote to seasonal over-indulgences.

Last year we had Mark Gatiss' frankly brilliant *Crooked House*; 2009 brings us a more traditional offering in an adaptation of *The Turn Of The Screw* (December 30th, BBC1, 9pm).

Starring Michelle Dockery, this chilling story is set in a remote country house, where a governess is spooked by the apparitions of two children.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

MY TOP choice for a show that can be enjoyed by all the family is *The Gruffalo* (Christmas Day, BBC1, 5:30pm).

This animated adaptation of the children's bestseller, which tells the story of a mouse's epic journey through a forest, features the voices of Robbie Coltrane, Helena Bonham Carter, Rob Brydon, Tom Wilkinson and John Hurt.

BEST OF THE REST

FOR the petrolheads amongst you, or those that simply love watching three grown men acting like schoolboys, there's another modern Christmas tradition on offer - the *Top Gear* Christmas Special.

This year Jeremy, Richard and James are off to Bolivia, with the challenge of driving some old bangers through the heart of the Amazon jungle to the coast of Chile. Find out how they got on by tuning in on December 27th (BBC2, 7:45pm).

Although the Beeb saw fit to scrap *Top of the Pops* a few years back, it's Christmas guise is still going strong.

In fact, BBC1 has two seasonal TOTP specials: one on Christmas Day (2pm) and another on New Year's Eve (6:30pm), both hosted by Fearne Cotton and Reggie Yates.

Sci-fi fans should make a date with the Beeb's updated take on John Wyndham's classic tale *The Day of the Triffids*, showing in two parts on Christmas Bank Holiday Monday

CHRISTMAS TV PREVIEW with James Coles

and concluding on Tuesday 29th (both BBC1, 9pm).

FILMS

SINCE the advent of the DVD and satellite television, the big Christmas movie premiere hasn't had the same status. Chances are you've already seen it.

Even so, kids and adults alike may warm to Pixar favourite *The Incredibles* (Christmas Day, BBC1, 3:10pm) or, alternatively, *Happy Feet* (Christmas Day, ITV1, 3:40pm).

And whether you're a Johnny Depp lady or a Keira Knightley man, you'll find yourself at home with *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End* (Boxing Day, BBC1, 7:30pm). And this particular episode can boast Keith Richards as Captain Jack Sparrow's father!

MY CHOICE

MY NUMBER one choice for essential viewing this Christmas is the Orson Welles season on BBC4. If you're any sort of film buff, you'll love this series of programmes devoted to possibly the greatest innovator in the history of cinema.

Director, writer, actor, producer - Orson did it all, and was equally at home in film, theatre, TV and radio. Highlights of the season include actor and Welles biographer Simon Callow's exploration of Orson's time outside of Hollywood in *Orson Welles Over Europe* (December 27th, 9:30pm) and a re-run of Alan Yentob's extraordinary two-part 1982 *Arena* profile of the great man (Part 1: Christmas Day, 9pm; Part 2: December 27th, 11pm).

There are five classic Orson movies being screened too: *Citizen Kane* (Christmas Day, 7pm), *Journey Into Fear* (Christmas Day, 10:50pm), *The Third Man* (Boxing Day, 7:15pm), *The Magnificent Ambersons* (December 27th, 8pm) and *The Stranger* (December 27th, 11:55pm).

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1. On Christmas Day 1977, Charlie Chaplin died in:

- a) Switzerland
- b) England
- c) USA
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2. On 26th December of what year was the USSR officially dissolved?

3. The Shrine of the Three Kings, a reliquary said to contain the bones of the Three Wise Men, can be visited in the cathedral in:

- a) Canterbury
- b) Cologne
- c) Vienna
- d) Rome?

4. Every year in November Sinterklaas, the Dutch Father Christmas, arrives in Holland. Where does he come from and how does he get to Holland?

5. For which football club has Christmas come early when they won the Intertoto Cup 2006, the first silverware since 1969?

6. In what year did NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command, start tracking Santa's flight path around the world?

7. In what year were the first electric Christmas lights used?

8. Which of Santa's other 8 reindeer was the father of Rudolph the red-nosed one?

9. Kwanzaa, a cultural holiday celebrated from 26th December till 1st January, originated from:

- a) Sudan
- b) Indonesia
- c) USA
- d) Kenya?

10. Which city is believed to be the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth?

11. If a Norwegian uses a bakken, what sport is he into?

12. In what year did Coca Cola begin featuring Santa in their advertising at Christmas?

13. In the 1930's, the Addis Brush Company produced the first artificial-brush trees, using the same machinery that made their:

- a) toilet brushes
- b) hair brushes
- c) tooth brushes
- d) paint brushes?

14. Similar to the tradition of putting out cookies and milk out for Santa, the children in Sweden try please the Swedish Santa, Tomte, by leaving out:

- a) a bowl of rice pudding
- b) a glass of vodka
- c) a plate of dried herrings
- d) a bottle of glogg (mulled wine)?

15. On 26th December 1898, Marie and Pierre Curie announced the discovery of which element?

16. Which European football league does not take a winter break:

- a) Italy
- b) Netherlands
- c) Portugal
- d) Austria?

17. Bandy is an ancestor of which winter sport?

18. In which country was the city of Natal ("Christmas") founded on 25th December 1599?

19. True or False: The man who founded the Buddhist Society in London in 1924 was a barrister called Christmas Humphreys?

20. In what century was Saint Nicholas of Myra born?

21. In what year did Band Aid release their record "Do They Know It's Christmas?"?

22. George Frederick Handel's Christmas oratorio, The Messiah, was first performed in 1742 in:

- a) London
- b) Dublin
- c) Vienna
- d) Jerusalem?

23. The music to 'Silent Night' was originally written for a:

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- b) piano
- c) harpsichord
- d) pipe organ?

24. In Dickens "Christmas Carol", how many children does Bob Cratchit have and what's the name of the youngest?

25. True or False: Dr. Seuss, the creator of the Christmas hating Grinch, was a psychiatrist?

26. In order to make their geese happier, fatter and tastier for the Christmas season, farmers in Cheshire began to:

- a) dress them in woolly hats and scarves
- b) feed them mulled wine
- c) put up heaters in the coops
- d) let them live in their houses?

27. Four of the top five teams at the 2006 ClauWau, the Santa Claus World Championships, came from the host country, Switzerland. The other team was from:

- a) Japan
- b) Holland
- c) Jamaica
- d) Kenya?

28. In what year did John Calcott Horsley invent and design the first Christmas card?

29. Which artist was famous for his many paintings of the Madonna with Baby Jesus:

- a) Raphael
- b) Michelangelo
- c) Leonardo da Vinci
- d) Marc Chagall?

30. What was the exact title of John Lennon and Yoko Ono's 1971 Christmas single?

31. The mistletoe grows:

- a) only on conifers
- b) only on deciduous trees
- c) on both?

32. True or False: only male reindeer have antlers?

33. The Christmas Star (Poinsettia) originated from:

- a) Cuba
- b) China
- c) Mexico
- d) Brazil?

34. In which country does Joulupukki, the Yul Goat, bring the presents?

35. Which Wallace and Gromit movie, set at Christmas and first aired on 24 December, won the 1995 Oscar for best Animated Short Film and which recurring character was introduced in the movie?

ANSWERS: 1. a) Switzerland, 2. 1991, 3. b) Cologne, 4. from Spain (he lives in a palace in Madrid) - (by Steamboat), 5. Newcastle United, 6. (Tiny Tim), 7. 1984, 8. 22, 9. c) USA, 10. Bethlehem, 11. Ski jumping, 12. 1931, 13. a) toilet brushes, 14. a) a bowl of rice pudding, 15. Rudinur, 16. c) Portugal, 17. ice hockey, 18. Brazil, 19. true, 20. 3rd century AD, 21. 1984, 22. 22, 23. a) guitar, 24. 6 (Tiny Tim), 25. false, 26. a) dress them in woolly hats & scarves, 27. c) Jamaica (Team High 5), 28. 1843, 29. a) Raphael, 30. Happy Xmas (War is Over), 31. c) on both, 32. false, 33. c) Mexico, 34. Finland, 35. A Close Shave (Shaun the Sheep).

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Christmas Facts

- THE common abbreviation for Christmas to Xmas is derived from the Greek alphabet. X is letter Chi, which is the first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet.
- OLIVER Cromwell, banned Christmas carols in England between 1649 and 1660. Cromwell thought that Christmas should be a very solemn day so he banned carols and parties. The only celebration was a sermon and a prayer service.
- THE Puritans in America tried to make Thanksgiving Day the most important annual festival instead of Christmas.
- SILENT Night was written in 1818, by an Austrian priest called Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be repaired in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened by this and could not contemplate Christmas without music, so he wrote a carol that could be sung by choir to guitar music. He sat down and wrote three stanzas. Later that night the people in the little Austrian church sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time.
- ST Francis of Assisi introduced Christmas carols to formal church services.
- Telesphorus, the second Bishop of Rome (125-136 AD) declared that public church services should be held to celebrate 'The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour'. In 320 AD, Pope Julius I and other religious leaders specified December 25th as the official date of the birth of Jesus Christ.

- DECEMBER 26th was traditionally known as St Stephen's Day, but is more commonly known as Boxing Day. This expression came about because money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season. The money was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas.
- MELBOURNE, Australia has a sporting Boxing Day tradition. The Melbourne Cricket Ground hosts a Cricket test match. Sometimes this attracts 90,000 spectators. Cricket is Australia's premier Summer sport.
- THE first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531
- IN 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday.
- IN 1843, the first Christmas card was printed in England for Sir Henry Cole. He was a busy man who wanted to save time in his own Christmas letters, but was also interested in encouraging the expansion of the postal system. A thousand copies of the card were sold at one shilling each. It was not until the 1860s that the production of cards accelerated, with cheaper printing methods. Then in 1870, the Post Office introduced a half penny stamp for sending cards.
- AT midnight on Christmas Eve in 1914 firing from the German trenches during the First World War suddenly stopped. A German brass band began playing Christmas carols. Early, on Christmas morning, the German soldiers came out of their trenches, approaching the allied lines, calling "Merry Christmas". At first the allied soldiers thought it was a trick, but they soon climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the German soldiers. The truce lasted a few

days, and the men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings, sang carols and songs. They even played a game of soccer.

- IN 1937, the first postage stamp to commemorate Christmas was issued in Austria
- The actual gift givers are different in various countries:
 - Spain and South America: The Three Kings
 - Italy: La Befana (a kindly old witch)
 - England: Father Christmas
 - France: Pere Noel (Father Christmas)
 - Russia: In some parts - Babouschka (a grandmotherly figure); in other parts Grandfather Frost.
 - Germany: Christkind (angelic messenger from Jesus)
- She is a beautiful fair haired girl with a shining crown of candles.
- Scandinavia: a variety of Christmas gnomes. One is called Julenisse
- Holland: St Nicholas

- IN 1834, Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert brought the first Christmas tree to Windsor Castle for the Royal family.

- IN 1856, President Franklin Pierce decorates the first White House Christmas tree.

- IN 1907, Oklahoma became the last USA state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

- Every year since 1947 the people in Oslo have given a Christmas tree to the city of Westminster. The gift is an expression of goodwill and gratitude for Britain's help to Norway in the 1939-1945 war.

- THE first American Christmas carol was written in 1649 by a minister named John de Brebeur and is called "Jesus is Born".

- MEXICANS call the poinsettia "Flower of the Holy Night" - the Holy Night is the Mexican way of saying Christmas Eve.

- TOM Smith who owned a sweet shop in London was the originator of the cracker. In the 1840s Tom found that people liked sugar almonds, but while he was in France he discovered a variety of sweets wrapped up in a twist of paper.

- These bonbons were popular, so Tom decided to copy them. When Tom noticed that young men were buying them to give to their

sweethearts he began to place "love mottoes" on small slips of paper inside the sweet wrapping.

In 1846 Tom's thoughts turned towards Christmas - instead of sweets he thought he would place toys and novelties inside the twisted wrapping. He experimented with this and came up with the idea of producing a wrapping that could be pulled apart - the cracker as we know it today.

- THE word carol is derived from the old French word caroller which derives from the Latin choraula. This itself was derived from the Greek choraulas

- THE biggest selling Christmas single of all time is Bing Crosby's White Christmas.

- A GOOSE was customary Christmas fare until Henry VIII took it upon himself to tuck into a turkey. Mince pies were once shaped like mangers and are thought to date back to the sweetmeats formerly presented to the Vatican on Christmas Eve.

- HANGING the Christmas stocking on the hearth on Christmas Eve in the hope that it will be filled with presents the next morning is a custom that goes back about 400 years.

It derived from the custom in Holland of children placing wooden shoes next to the hearth the night before the arrival of St. Nicholas. The children would fill their shoes with straw and food for St Nicholas's for the donkey that carried the gifts. In exchange he would leave them a small gift such as small cakes, fruits and other gifts. Stockings were substituted for the shoes in Britain, most of Europe and in North America.

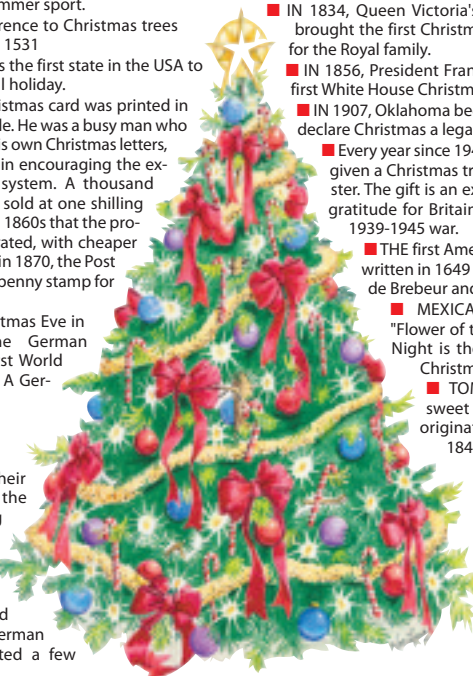
- A WREATH with holly, red berries and other decorations began from at least the 17th century. Holly, with its sharply pointed leaves, symbolised the thorns in Christ's crown-of-thorns. Red berries symbolised the drops of Christ's blood. A wreath at Christmas signified a home that celebrated to birth of Christ.

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The best turkey in the world



by Jamie Oliver

In my books, the perfect bird is 6.5kg–8kg in weight because that's a good size to handle, feeds about 10 to 14 people and has better flavour than bigger birds. If you're buying from a small producer, like the lovely turkey I used from my mate Paul Kelly, you'll often find these birds come with their own cooking instructions. Really good-quality birds do cook in a shorter time so follow the instructions if it has them.

This year I'm using a flavoured butter to give a bit of extra love to my turkey, and this is a job you can do the day before. You can find my recipe in the Christmas issue of Jamie Magazine or simply make your own. Get your turkey and use a spoon to work your way between the skin and the meat. Start at the side of the cavity

just above the leg and work gently up towards the breastbone and towards the back so you create a large cavity. Pick up half of your butter and push it into the cavity you've created. Use your hands to push it through the skin right to the back so it coats the breast meat as evenly as possible. Do the same on the other side then rub any leftover butter all over the outside of the bird to use it up. If you've got any herb stalks left over, put them in the cavity of the turkey for added flavour as it cooks. Cover the turkey in cling film and keep in the fridge until you need it.

Take your turkey out of the fridge a few hours before you are ready to put it in the oven so it has time to come up to room temperature. That flavoured butter will already be under the skin so you'll only need a few tweaks to finish it off. Halve 2 to 4 clementines and pop them in the cavity with a few more sprigs of fresh herbs like rosemary, bay and thyme. The fruit will steam and flavour the birds in a really lovely way. Take a sprig of fresh rosemary, pull off the leaves at the bottom then spear that through the loose skin around the cavity to hold it together and keep it from shrinking back as the turkey cooks.

Open up the neck cavity and pack as much stuffing as possible in there, then carefully pull the skin back over the cavity, tuck it

under the bird and pop it in the roasting tray. If you've already made your gravy like I've done, you won't need a vegetable trivet, if not, do that now by roughly chopping 2 or 3 carrots, 3 peeled onions and 2 celery sticks. Preheat your oven to full whack and get the turkey in the roasting tray. As soon as it goes in the oven, immediately turn the heat down to 180°C/350°F/gas 4.

As a rough guide, you want to cook the turkey for about 35 to 40 minutes per kilogram, so a 7kg turkey will want about 4 to 4½ hours in the oven. But there are so many variables such as the sort of oven you have and the quality of your bird. Check on your turkey every 30 minutes or so and keep it from drying out by basting it with the lovely juices from the bottom of the pan. After 3½ hours, remove the foil so the skin gets golden



and crispy. If you are at all worried just stick a meat thermometer in the thickest part of the breast. When the internal temperature has reached 65°C for a good quality bird, and about 82°C for a cheaper bird, it's ready to come out.

Carefully put a metal skewer in the cavity and

use it to lift the bird and angle it over the roasting tray so all of the juices from the cavity run out. Move the turkey to a platter then cover it with a double layer of tinfoil and 2 tea towels to keep it warm while it rests for at least 30 minutes.

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Christmas Television

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th 2009



Choice



VICTORIA WOOD'S MIDLIFE CHRISTMAS

BBC1, 9pm

She may have picked up a Bafta for her sensitive performance in the insightful drama *Housewife*, 49 but some Victoria Wood fans were secretly thinking: "This is great, but when are you going to get back to putting on silly accents and hamming it up with Julie Walters?" Well, their prayers have now been answered, as Wood returns to the BBC for her first Christmas sketch show special since *All the Trimmings* nine years ago. We're promised mock commercials, dance numbers, unlikely sporting events, and the continuing adventures of soap star Bo Beaumont.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.50** CBBC: *Dani's House*. **9.20** *Doctor Who*: *Dreamland*. (R) **10.05** *Shaun the Sheep*. (R) **10.15** *Shaun the Sheep*. (R) **10.25** Film: *Home on the Range*. (2004) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Roseanne Barr. **11.35** Film: *The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause*. (2006) Premiere. Christmas fantasy comedy sequel, starring Tim Allen. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.10** Regional News; Weather. **1.15** *The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook*. (R) **2.15** Film: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. (2005) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Tilda Swinton. **4.25** Film: *Over the Hedge*. (2006) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Bruce Willis. **5.45** Film: *Shrek 2*. (2004) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers.

7.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.30** *EastEnders*; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** *My Family*. The Harpers celebrate Christmas 2009, with an 80-year-old Ben as grumpy as ever. **9.00** *Victoria Wood's Midlife Christmas*. **10.00** *Q1*. With David Tennant, Bill Bailey and Lee Mack. **10.30** *Live at the Apollo*. **11.00** *The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson*. **11.30** BBC News; Weather. **11.45** *Christmas Midnight Mass from Westminster Cathedral*; Skiing Weather.

1.05 Film: *Serendipity*. (2001) Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale. **2.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: *Me Too!* **6.20** *Big Cook Little Cook*. (R) **6.40** *Brum*. (R) **6.55** *Pingu*. (R) **7.05** CBBC: *Arthur*. **7.30** *Inside Life*. (R) **8.00** *Gimme a Break*. (R) **8.30** *Wainwright Walks*. (R) **9.00** *Great Railway Journeys*. (R) **9.50** Film: *Pinocchio*. (2002) Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Roberto Benigni. Dubbed in English. **11.30** *Coast*. (R) **11.50** Film: *South Pacific*. (1958) Wartime romantic musical, starring Mitzi Gaynor. **2.15** *The Tsarina's Slippers*. **4.45** *James May's Toy Stories*. (R) **5.45** *Dad's Army*. (R)

6.15 *Carols from King's*. From the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge.

7.30 *The Good Life*. Margo and Jerry spend Christmas with the Goods. (R)

8.00 *Victorian Farm Christmas*. Ruth Goodman makes a Dickens-style Christmas pudding. Last in the series.

9.00 FILM: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. (2002) Holmes and Watson investigate tales of a mysterious hound terrorising a family on Dartmoor. Mystery, with Richard Roxburgh.

10.40 *The Grumpy Guide to Christmas*. Real-life Scrooges give their jaundiced views of the festive season. (R)

11.40 *The Funny Side of Christmas*. Clive Anderson examines the TV world's yuletide traditions. (R)

12.40 *Comedy Songs* — The Pop Years. **2.10** Film: *Gilda*. (1946) Thriller, starring Rita Hayworth.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** *Christmas Cooks Challenge*. **10.25** Film: *Curious George*. (2006) Premiere. Children's animated adventure, with the voice of Will Ferrell. **12.00** *Best Ever Christmas Films*. (R) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.10** Regional Programme. **1.15** *Agatha Christie's Poirot*. (R) **3.15** *The Old Curiosity Shop*. (R) **5.15** *Creature Comforts*. (R) **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 FILM: *Corpse Bride*. (2005) Premiere. A shy bridegroom finds himself inadvertently hitched to a ghostly bride. Stop-motion animated fantasy, featuring the voice of Johnny Depp.

7.30 *You've Been Framed! Christmas Special*. Festive foul-ups. (R)

8.00 *Emmerdale*. Cain goes on the warpath.

8.30 *Coronation Street*. David is not pleased by Nick's return.

9.00 *Taggart*. Burke and the team investigate a crime novelist.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 *Christmas Carols with the Troops*. Service for British soldiers serving in Afghanistan from St Clement Danes church in London.

11.15 FILM: *Shakespeare in Love*. (1998) Period romantic comedy, starring Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow.

1.20 *Christmas Tales: The Story of the Tree*; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** *Motorsport UK*. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.25** CITV: *Captain Mack*. **5.35** *Paz*. **5.40** *Captain Mack*. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 *Planet Cook*. (R) **6.30** *Yo Gabba Gabba*. (R) **7.00** *Wilde Stories*. (R) **7.30** *The Bear*. (R) **8.00** T4: *Friends*. (R) **8.30** T4: *Friends*. (R) **9.05** T4: *Friends*. (R) **9.35** T4: *The Simpsons*. (R) **10.10** T4: *JLS Christmas Crackers*. (R) **11.15** T4: *Shooting Cheryl Cole*. (R) **11.45** Film: *The Nativity Story*. (2006) Premiere. Biblical drama, starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. **1.35** *The Snowman*. (R) **2.10** Film: *Three Men and a Baby*. (1987) Comedy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. **4.10** *Jamie's Family Christmas*. (R) **4.40** *Jamie's Family Christmas*. (R) **5.10** *Jamie's Family Christmas*. (R) **5.45** *Jamie's Family Christmas*. (R)

6.15 *Jamie's Family Christmas*. Tips on preparing food before a party. Last in the series. (R)

6.45 *Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa*. Festive edition of the game show.

7.45 *Channel 4 News*.

8.00 *Heston's Christmas Feast*. A festive feast inspired by dishes of the past. (R)

9.00 *The Secret Millionaire*. A taxi company owner goes undercover in Newcastle.

10.00 *Celebrity Come Dine with Me Christmas Special*. With Hannah Waterman, David Gest, Diarmuid Gavin and Sherrie Hewson. (R)

11.05 *Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special*. (R)

12.10 Film: *Slither*. (2006) Premiere. Horror, starring Nathan Fillion. **1.55** *Dispatches: Terror in Mumbai*. (R) **2.50** *Deadliest Catch*. **3.35** *The Hills*. **4.20** *St Elsewhere*. (R) **5.10** *One Tree Hill*.

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Christmas Day

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The Gruffalo - 5.30pm BBC1

Choice



CATHERINE TATE: NAN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

BBC1, 10.30pm

Catherine Tate's cantankerous creation Joannie 'Nan' Taylor gets her very own seasonal spin-off special in this comic re-telling of Charles Dickens's classic tale A Christmas Carol. The festive show sees Nan's acid-tongued insults catch up with her when the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future, as well as her dead husband, come knocking. Can the spirits convince Nan to spread some Christmas cheer? Gavin & Stacey star Mathew Horne reprises his role as Nan's grandson, Jamie.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Ingenious. 10.15 Christmas Day Eucharist. 11.15 CBBC: The Sarah Jane Adventures. 12.10 BBC News; Weather. 12.25 Film: The Santa Clause. (1994) 2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas 2009. 3.00 The Queen. 3.10 Film: The Incredibles. (2004) Premiere. Pixar's animated adventure, with the voice of Craig T Nelson. 4.55 Shrek the Halls. (R) 5.20 BBC News. 5.30 The Gruffalo.

6.00 **Doctor Who.** David Tennant takes his final trip in the Tardis in the first of a two-part special, which sees the return of the Master.

7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special.** Six celebrities compete in an end-of-year extravaganza.

8.00 **EastEnders.** Hour-long edition. Archie meets a grisly end.

9.00 **The Royle Family.** Jim and Barbara argue over what to do with a cash windfall.

10.00 **Gavin & Stacey.** The gang descends on the beach.

10.30 **Catherine Tate: Nan's Christmas Carol.** The foul-mouthed OAP stars in her own festive special.

11.20 **BBC News; Weather.** 11.30 **On Christmas Night.** Actress Julie Fernandez reads the story of the Nativity.

11.35 **The National Lottery EuroMillions Draw.** Coverage of the draw.

11.45 **FILM: Speed.** (1994) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves; Weatherview.

1.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Bob the Builder. 7.00 CBeebies Pantomime: Oh Yes It Is! (R) 7.30 CBBC: Inside Life. 8.00 Gimme a Break. (R) 8.30 Wainwright Walks. (R) 9.00 Great Railway Journeys. (R) 9.50 Film: Heidi. (2005) Premiere. Children's drama, starring Emma Bolger. 11.30 Star of Bethlehem. (R) 12.30 Film: Kiss Me Kate. (1953) Musical comedy, starring Howard Keel and Kathryn Grayson. 2.15 Film: White Christmas. (1954) Musical, starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. 4.10 La Boheme.

6.00 **The Private Life of a Christmas Masterpiece:** The darker side of Botticelli's masterpiece.

6.50 **The Queen.** Her Majesty's annual address. (R)

7.00 **James May's Toy Stories.** The presenter bids to build the world's longest-ever model railway track. Last in the series.

8.00 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat. (R)

8.30 **Blackadder the Third.** The Prince Regent chooses a bride. (R)

9.00 **Top Gear.** The hosts bid to prove that cars can be art. (R)

10.00 **Oz and Hugh Drink to Christmas.** Oz Clarke and Hugh Dennis sample festive drinks. (R)

11.00 **The Funny Side of Chat.** The most entertaining moments in chat shows.

12.00 QI. (R) 12.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks: Where Are They Now? 1.00 TOTP2 Xmas 2009. 2.30 Stella Street: The Movie. (R)

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. 9.25 Christmas Cocks Challenge. 10.25 Creature Comforts. (R) 10.55 Film: Santa Claus: The Movie. (1985) Family fantasy adventure, starring Dudley Moore. 1.00 ITV News; Weather. 1.10 Film: The Polar Express. (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 3.00 The Queen. 3.10 You've Been Framed at Christmas! 3.40 Film: Happy Feet. (2006) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. 5.40 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 **Emmerdale.** Hour-long edition. Charity and Cain agree to be civil for Debbie's sake, and reluctantly accept when she asks them to go to the Dingles' for Christmas dinner.

7.00 **Coronation Street.** Kevin and Molly agree to confess to their affair.

8.00 **All Star Mr & Mrs Christmas Special.** With Joan Collins, Emma Bunton and Andy Whyment.

9.00 **Agatha Christie's Poirot.** The dapper sleuth attends a North African archaeological dig and uncovers a wealth of suspects when an aristocrat's wife is stabbed to death. Detective drama, starring David Suchet.

11.00 **ITV News; Weather.**

11.15 **FILM: Gladiator.** (2000) Oscar-winning period epic, starring Russell Crowe; ITV News Headlines.

2.05 Film: One Million Years BC. (1966) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.25 CITV: Captain Mack. 5.35 Paz. 5.40 Captain Mack. 5.55 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) 6.30 Little Wolf's Book of Badness. (R) 7.00 Wilde Stories. (R) 7.30 Olive the Other Reindeer. (R) 8.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 8.55 T4: Friends. (R) 9.30 T4: Friends. (R) 10.00 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 10.35 T4: Beyonce: I Am Yours — An Intimate Performance from Wynn, Las Vegas. 11.40 Film: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid. (1992) Disney comedy sequel, starring Rick Moranis. 1.25 Only When I Dance. 3.00 The Alternative Christmas Message. 3.10 Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. 4.15 Film: Annie. (1982) John Huston's musical, with Albert Finney and Carol Burnett.

6.35 **The Secret Millionaire Changed My Life.** Entrepreneur Gary Eastwood returns to Blackpool. (R)

7.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.45 **Katie: My Beautiful Face.** The victim of an acid attack tells her story. (R)

8.50 **The Alternative Christmas Message.** The traditional counterpoint to the Queen's broadcast. (R)

9.00 **FILM: Grey Gardens.** (2009) Premiere. Fact-based drama about the eccentric and reclusive aunt and first cousin of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. With Drew Barrymore and Jessica Lange.

11.05 **Lee Evans: Big — Live at the O2.** The comedian performs at the London arena. (R)

12.10 David Blaine: Frozen in Time. (R) 1.10 A Bear's Chimbo: Top 20. 3.00 Deadliest Catch. 3.45 The Hills. 4.35 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.25 One Tree Hill.

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ANT & DEC'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

ITV1, 7.30pm

Put on your Christmas socks, crack open another selection box, and clear a space among the discarded wrapping paper on the sofa — because Ant & Dec are opening their doors and inviting you in for mulled wine and a big barrel of laughs. Set inside Santa's Cabin, complete with roaring fire, stockings and a talking moose head and filmed in front of a studio audience, the boys will welcome a whole host of showbiz friends to join in the celebrations. Donning their Christmas jumpers, Ant and Dec will be in full festive mood as they welcome special guests.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. **11.40** Film: Herbie: Fully Loaded. (2005) Disney comedy sequel, starring Lindsay Lohan. **1.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.30** Film: Bridge to Terabithia. (2006) Premiere. Fantasy drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. **3.00** Film: Flushed Away. (2006) Premiere. Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Hugh Jackman. **4.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **4.40** Film: Wallace and Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis.

6.00 **Total Wipeout Celebrity Special.** Richard Hammond presents the first of two celebrity specials.

7.00 **EastEnders.** Ronnie becomes the prime suspect in Archie's murder.

7.30 **FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End.** (2007) Premiere. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp and Geoffrey Rush.

10.05 **The National Lottery Draws.** With Carole Machin.

10.15 **BBC News; Weather.**
10.25 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Birmingham City v Chelsea; National Lottery Update.

11.50 **The Football League Show.** Including highlights of Queens Park Rangers v Bristol City; Weatherview.

1.10 Film: Bull Durham. (1988) Baseball comedy drama, starring Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon. **2.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.50** Living Famously. (R) **11.50** BBC Proms 2009. **1.55** Film: An American in Paris. (1951) Gershwin romantic musical, starring Gene Kelly. **3.45** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.05** Hamlet.

8.10 **Victorian Farm Christmas.** Ruth Goodman makes a Dickens-style Christmas pudding. Last in the series. (R)

9.10 **The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show.**

Festive fun with the ever-popular comedy duo and guests Vanessa Redgrave, Hannah Gordon, Rudolf Nureyev, Laurence Olivier and Andre Previn, all proving they are game for a laugh. (R)

10.15 **The Story of Slapstick.** The evolution of physical comedy, from silent films to surrealism, sketches and sitcoms, featuring the Chaplin classics, Monty Python and Bottom.

11.15 **The Young Ones.** Neil falls ill, and medical student Vyvyan demonstrates his unique bedside manner by suggesting a cure involving six-inch nails. (R)

11.45 **Shooting Stars.** Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer return with the anarchic quiz. (R)

12.15 Film: Carry On Follow That Camel. (1966) Comedy, with Jim Dale. **1.50** Film: Build My Gallows High. (1947) Film noir, starring Robert Mitchum. **3.20** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** Christmas Cooks Challenge. **10.25** All Star Mr & Mrs Christmas Special. (R) **11.25** I Dreamed a Dream: The Susan Boyle Story. (R) **12.25** News; Weather. **12.40** Film: Racing Stripes. (2004) **2.30** Goodnight Mister Tom. (R) **4.40** Film: March of the Penguins. (2005) Premiere. Oscar-winning documentary, narrated by Morgan Freeman.

6.15 **ITV News; Weather.**

6.30 **Harry Hill's TV Burp Review of the Year.** Memorable small-screen moments from 2009.

7.00 **You've Been Framed at Christmas!** Festive faux pas and seasonal slip-ups.

7.30 **Ant & Dec's Christmas Show.** The Geordie duo present this festive special, with Robbie Williams, Amanda Holden, Piers Morgan and the Saturdays dropping in for a mixture of songs, sketches and games.

8.45 **All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special.** Teams from Coronation Street and Emmerdale compete.

9.30 **The All Star Impressions Show.** Celebrities impersonate familiar faces.

10.30 **ITV News; Weather.**

10.45 **Above Suspicion.** Detective drama, by Lynda La Plante.

12.40 Film: The Graduate. (1967) Comedy drama, with Dustin Hoffman; ITV News Headlines. **2.25** Six Degrees. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.25** CITV: Captain Mack. **5.35** Paz. **5.40** Captain Mack. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** Planet Cook. (R) **6.35** Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Friends. (R) **9.55** T4: T4's Stars of 2009. (R) **11.55** T4: 90210. **12.50** T4: Scrubs. (R) **1.20** T4: Scrubs. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park, Wetherby and Wincanton. **4.05** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.35** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.05** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.35** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.05 **Deal or No Deal.** Game show, with Noel Edmonds.

7.05 **Channel 4 News.**

7.10 **FILM: Crocodile Dundee.** (1986) An Australian hunter with a larger-than-life reputation heads for the urban jungle of Manhattan. Comedy, starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski.

9.00 **Decoded: Dan Brown's Lost Symbol.** Tony Robinson searches for the truth behind Dan Brown's latest blockbuster.

10.00 **The Real Da Vinci Code.** Tony Robinson searches for the Holy Grail. (R)

11.05 **The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2005.** Celebrity game show, hosted by Jimmy Carr. (R)

1.05 Film: Aeon Flux. (2005) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, with Charlize Theron. **2.40** The Truth About Street Weapons. (R) **2.50** The Dead Zone. (R) **3.35** The Hills. **4.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.40** One Tree Hill.



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Outnumbered Christmas Special
- 10.30pm BBC1

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BBC1, 9pm

The opening edition of this two-part special reintroduced viewers to Miss Matty Jenkyns, one of Judi Dench's most adorable small screen characters. In the concluding episode, she's in the thick of things once again when she and her friends are horrified after being told they are not aristocratic enough to rub shoulders with Lady Glenmire, a newcomer in their midst. Miss Matty is also concerned about Peggy, who looks set to make a personal sacrifice for the sake of her family — something her elderly friend can deeply sympathise with. Celia Imrie, Barbara Flynn, Jodie Whittaker and Imelda Staunton co-star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.50** Match of the Day. (R) **9.15** Film: Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron. (2002) Animated adventure, with the voice of Matt Damon. **10.30** Film: Paulie. (1998) Family adventure, starring Gena Rowlands. **11.55** BBC News; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** EastEnders. **3.05** Film: Chicken Run. (2000) Animated comedy, with the voice of Mel Gibson. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Weakest Link.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Comic Relief: The Net Result. Celebrities help to distribute mosquito nets in Uganda.

7.30 Celebrity Mastermind. New series. Goldie, Paul O'Grady, Gail Emms and Loyd Grossman take part.

8.00 Casualty. The trainees are hailed as heroes after saving victims of a car accident.

9.00 Cranford. Conclusion of the two-part special. The women are put out when Mrs Jamieson suggests none of them is of high enough social standing to meet new arrival Lady Glenmire.

10.30 Outnumbered Christmas Special. The family's Christmas is marred by burglars — and a missing hamster.

11.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

11.30 FILM: American Flyers. (1985) Drama, starring Kevin Costner and David Grant; Weatherview.

1.25 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **2.25** Film: Bridge to Terabithia. (2006) Fantasy drama, with Josh Hutcherson. **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Animal Park. (R) **10.30** The Pixar Story. **11.55** Film: Gigi. (1958) Oscar-winning romantic musical, starring Leslie Caron. **1.45** Campion. (R) **3.35** Coast. (R) **4.35** Film: The Heroes of Telemark. (1965) World War Two thriller, starring Kirk Douglas.

6.45 James May's Toy Stories. The presenter bids to build the world's longest-ever model railway track. Last in the series. (R)

7.45 Top Gear Bolivia Special. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May drive 4x4s from the rainforest of the Amazon basin on a road trip to Chile, and tackle one of the world's most dangerous roads.

9.00 Steve Coogan: The Inside Story. Tribute to the comedian who brought the world Alan Partridge, Paul and Pauline Calf, and Tony Ferrino. Contributors include Vic and Bob, Rob Brydon, Victoria Wood and Julia Davis.

10.00 Knowing Me, Knowing You — With Alan Partridge. Christmas special of the spoof chat show from 1995. (R)

10.45 Match of the Day 2. Including Arsenal v Aston Villa.

11.35 I'm Alan Partridge. Alan tries to save his career. (R)

12.05 I'm Alan Partridge. (R) **12.35** QI. (R) **1.05** Defying Gravity. (R) **1.45** Film: Farewell My Lovely. (1944) **3.20** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** The Planet's Funniest Animals. **9.55** Coronation Street. **12.10** Film: Home Alone 4. (2002) **1.50** News; Weather. **1.59** Regional Programme. **2.00** Ant & Dec's Christmas Show. (R) **3.15** Film: The Scorpion King. (2002) **5.00** Regional Programmes. **5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp Review of the Year. (R)

6.00 Dancing on Ice: The Story of Bolero with Torvill and Dean.

Documentary originally shown to mark the 25th anniversary of the ice dancing performance that won Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean gold at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo. (R)

7.00 Midsomer Murders. A fatal explosion at a haulage yard proves a difficult case for Barnaby, whose suspects include several Territorial Army soldiers, a ruthless businessman and a grieving mother. (R)

9.00 FILM: The Holiday. (2006) Premiere. Two single women living on opposite sides of the Atlantic swap houses for Christmas. Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz.

11.35 ITV News; Weather.

11.50 FILM: Mermaids. (1990) Romantic comedy, starring Cher and Winona Ryder.

1.40 Premiership Rugby Union; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Traffic. (R) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.25** CITV: Captain Mack. **5.35** Paz. **5.40** Captain Mack. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.25 The Treacle People. (R) **6.35** Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **7.00** Ocean Race. (R) **7.55** The Great Swim Series. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Friends. (R) **9.55** T4: Chipmunk: T4 Special. **10.30** T4: Hollyoaks. **1.30** T4: 90210. **2.35** T4: Friends. (R) **3.10** T4: 4Music Favourites: Black Eyed Peas. (R) **3.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **4.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **4.50** Film: Crocodile Dundee II. (1988) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan.

6.50 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Tsunami: Where Was God? Former Dominican Friar Mark Dowd travels to Thailand, India and Indonesia to discover how survivors of the 2004 tsunami have reconciled the disaster with their religious beliefs. (R)

9.00 The Greatest TV Shows of the Noughties. Examining the results of a poll to find the 20 most popular TV programmes of the past decade from among Doctor Who, The Wire, Planet Earth, The Apprentice, Big Brother and Friends.

10.35 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2006. Jimmy Carr is joined by Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Russell Brand, Rob Brydon, Noel Fielding and Cat Deeley to take a tongue-in-cheek look at the events of 2006. (R)

12.40 Hits and Headlines: Christmas Number Ones 95-08. **2.35** Deadliest Catch. **3.25** The Truth About Street Weapons. (R) **3.35** The Hills. **5.10** One Tree Hill. **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

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The Day of the Triffids - 9pm BBC1

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THE DAY OF THE TRIFFIDS

BBC1, 9pm

In the not-too-distant future, humanity's search for a renewable energy source has led to the discovery of triffids, a crop that can be grown for fuel. When spectators gather all over the world for a much-anticipated solar storm, billions of unsuspecting people are left blinded and those fortunate enough to have their sight can do little but watch as society begins to collapse into chaos. Meanwhile, the same event appears to have bestowed the plants with a life of their own — along with a taste for human flesh. The conclusion can be seen tomorrow at 9pm. Apocalyptic drama, starring Dougray Scott.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** CBBC: Bear Behaving Badly. **9.20** Dani's House. (R) **9.50** Shaun the Sheep. (R) **10.00** Film: Eight Below. (2006) **11.50** Keeping Up Appearances. (R) **12.50** BBC News; Weather. **1.00** Regional News; Weather. **1.05** Film: The Princess Diaries. (2001) Comedy, with Anne Hathaway. **2.55** Film: 101 Dalmatians. (1996) Disney comedy adventure remake, with Glenn Close. **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Weakest Link. (R)

6.20 BBC News; Weather. **6.50** Regional Programmes. **7.00** Wallace & Gromit:

A Matter of Loaf and Death. Wallace opens his own bakery. (R)

7.30 Big Top. Plonky comes down with a mysterious virus.

8.00 EastEnders. The police begin asking questions around the Square.

8.30 Celebrity Mastermind. With Darren Bennett, Stuart Maconie, Linda Papadopoulos and Andrew Lancel.

9.00 The Day of the Triffids. Two-part apocalyptic drama. The discovery of a renewable energy source in the form of plants called triffids has devastating consequences for the human race.

10.30 BBC News. **10.45** Regional News; Weather.

10.50 Match of the Day. Including action from Chelsea v Fulham.

12.00 The Football League Show; Weatherview. **1.20** Sign Zone: James May's Toy Stories. (R) **2.20** Victorian Farm Christmas. (R) **3.20** Defying Gravity. (R) **4.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Me Too! **6.20** Big Cook Little Cook. (R) **6.40** Brum. (R) **6.55** Pingu. (R) **7.00** CBBC: Watch My Chops. **7.15** Watch My Chops. (R) **7.30** Inside Life. (R) **8.00** Gimme a Break. (R) **8.30** Wainwright Walks. (R) **9.00** Great Railway Journeys. (R) **9.50** Animal Park. (R) **10.50** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **11.50** Coast. (R) **12.50** Racing from Chepstow. **3.05** Film: Rio Lobo. (1970) Howard Hawks' Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero. **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Escape to the Country. (R)

6.15 FILM: Just Like Heaven. (2005)

A doctor dies in a car crash but her spirit is reluctant to leave the world behind. Romantic drama, starring Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo.

7.45 Top Gear Bolivia Special. The team uses second-hand 4x4s to negotiate the Amazon basin and reach Chile. (R)

9.00 Not Again: Not the Nine O'Clock News Story. The inside story of the anarchic comedy sketch show.

10.30 Not the Nine O'Clock News. Sketch show. (R)

10.55 Dara O Briain Live from the Theatre Royal. The finale of the comedian's 2006 tour of the UK and Ireland. (R)

11.55 The Funny Side of Chat. The most entertaining moments in chat shows. (R)

12.55 Defying Gravity. (R) **1.40** Film: Dead Reckoning. (1947) Murder mystery, starring Humphrey Bogart. **3.15** BBC News. **4.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special. (R) **11.10** Stars on the Street. (R) **12.10** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Regional Programme. **12.35** Film: Carry On Cleo. (1964) British comedy, with Sid James. **2.15** Agatha Christie's Poirot. (R) **4.20** Film: Pride and Prejudice. (2005) Period drama, with Keira Knightley.

6.30 Regional Programmes. **6.45** ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Emmerdale. Cain and Charity announce their engagement.

7.30 Coronation Street. Kevin is shocked at how close he came to ending his marriage.

8.00 Countrywise. Paul Heiney visits the Lake District. (R)

8.30 Coronation Street. Kevin unburies himself to Bill.

9.00 An Englishman in New York. John Hurt reprises his role as Quentin Crisp in this sequel to 1975 drama The Naked Civil Servant.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 The Royal Shakespeare Company: The South Bank Show. Behind the scenes of the RSC's production of The Grain Storm. Last-ever edition.

11.45 FILM: The Pianist. (2002) Oscar-winning wartime drama, starring Adrien Brody.

2.20 Six Degrees; (R) ITV News Headlines. **3.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.25** CITV: Captain Mack. **5.35** Paz. **5.40** Captain Mack. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Planet Cook. (R) **6.20** Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Frasier. (R) **7.35** Will & Grace. (R) **8.00** According to Jim. **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Friends. (R) **9.55** T4: 90210. **10.55** T4: 4Music Favourites: Robbie Williams. (R) **12.00** T4: 4Music Favourites: Shakira. **12.25** Film: Anna and the King. (1999) Period drama, with Jodie Foster. **3.05** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **3.40** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 The Simpsons. (R)

6.30 Hollyoaks.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.10 Britain's Worst Weather. The devastation caused by flooding. (R)

8.00 Man on Earth. Societies that have flourished as a result of climate change. Last in the series.

9.00 The Greatest Songs of the Noughties. Revisiting music trends of the past 10 years, including a countdown of the 20 songs considered the best of the decade by the public in a nationwide poll.

10.30 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2007. Hosted by Jimmy Carr, with Jonathan Ross and Russell Brand. (R)

12.40 Live from Abbey Road: Tribute to the Beatles. **1.35** The Secrets of the Austrian Cellar. (R) **2.30** Deadliest Catch. **3.20** The Hills. **4.25** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.10** One Tree Hill. **5.55** Yo Gabba Gabba. (R)

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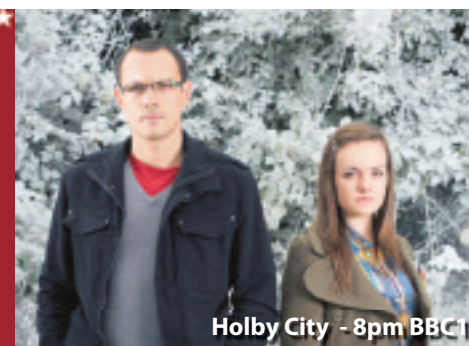
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ALAN CARR: CHATTY MAN NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL

Channel 4, 10.20pm

To see in the New Year, outgoing Doctor Who actor David Tennant, former Doctor's assistant and comedian Catherine Tate and Big Brother host Davina McCall join Carr for a drink and chat, along with reunited 80s popstars Spandau Ballet performing their hit Gold. Strange as it is to see the Northern funnyman presenting without fellow Sunday Night Project presenter Justin Lee Collins. Carr believes interviews don't have to delve into every gruesome detail of a celeb's life to be entertaining.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **8.50** CBBC: Bear Behaving Badly. **9.10** Dani's House. (R) **9.40** Shaun the Sheep. (R) **9.50** Film: The Jungle Book 2. (2003) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Haley Joel Osment. **10.55** Film: Return to Never Land. (2002) Disney animated sequel to Peter Pan, with the voice of Harriet Owen. **12.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (R) **12.50** BBC News; Weather. **1.05** Regional News; Weather. **1.05** Film: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids. (1989) Disney comedy, starring Rick Moranis. **2.35** Film: 102 Dalmatians. (2000) Family adventure sequel, starring Glenn Close. **4.10** Film: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit. (1993) Comedy sequel, starring Whoopi Goldberg. **5.55** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R)

6.20 BBC News; Weather. **6.50** Regional Programmes. **7.00** Celebrity Mastermind. **7.30** EastEnders. **8.00** Holby City. News comes through that Faye has been charged with Archie's murder. **9.00** The Day of the Trifids. Conclusion. A visitor from London causes problems. **10.30** BBC News. **10.45** Regional News; Weather. **10.50** Sting's Winter Songbook. **11.50** FILM: The Big Easy. (1987) Romantic crime thriller, starring Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin; Weatherview.

1.35 Sign Zone: Oz and Hugh Drink to Christmas. (R) **2.35** The Private Life of a Christmas Masterpiece: The Mystic Nativity. (R) **3.25** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Me Too! **6.20** Big Cook Little Cook. (R) **6.40** Brum. (R) **6.55** Pingu. (R) **7.00** CBBC: Mona the Vampire. **7.15** Arthur. (R) **7.30** Inside Life. (R) **8.00** Gimme a Break. (R) **8.30** Wainwright Walks. (R) **9.00** Great Railway Journeys. (R) **9.55** Animal Park. (R) **10.40** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **11.40** Victorian Farm. (R) **12.40** Coast. (R) **1.40** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.25** Flog It! (R) **3.10** Ready Steady Cook. (R) **3.55** Campion. (R) **5.45** Escape to the Country. (R)

6.30 FILM: Miss Potter. (2006) Biographical period drama, starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor. **8.00** This Is Your Life: June Whitfield OBE. A tribute to the comedy actress. (R) **8.30** Christmas Terry and June. The duo land the role of pantomime cow. (R) **9.00** The Many Faces of June Whitfield. The comedy actress tells the story of her career, focusing on her early days in the West End, her ill-fated Broadway debut and her TV and radio performances. **10.00** Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy and Edina visit New York. (R) **10.55** QI XL. With David Tennant, Bill Bailey and Lee Mack. **11.40** I'm Alan Partridge. Alan insults Norfolk's farmers. (R)

12.10 Steve Coogan: The Inside Story. (R) **1.10** Film: The Big Combo. (1955) Gangster thriller, starring Cornel Wilde. **2.35** BBC News. **4.25** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **9.55** Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle. (2003) Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **11.35** Martin Clunes: A Man and His Dogs. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** Regional Programme. **12.50** Film: Death on the Nile. (1978) Mystery, with Peter Ustinov. **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** The Colour of Money.

6.30 Regional Programmes. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. Katie tries to find out why Maisie disappeared the previous night, but her conversation with Ryan is interrupted by Natasha, who insists the couple join her for a drink. **7.30** Grimefighters. Specialist clean-up teams. **8.00** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Featuring beautiful babies, dotty dogs and holiday hiccups. (R) **9.00** The Bill. Conclusion. After another night on the streets, Mickey learns a second down-and-out has been murdered. Ralph Ineson guest stars. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional Programme. **10.35** FILM: Die Another Day. (2002) James Bond spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan.

1.00 Premiership Rugby Union; (R) ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Six Degrees. (R) **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.25** CITV: Captain Mack. **5.35** Paz. **5.40** Captain Mack. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Frasier. (R) **7.35** Will & Grace. (R) **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** According to Jim. **9.00** T4: Friends. (R) **9.35** T4: Friends. (R) **10.05** T4: 90210. **11.05** T4: Lily Allen Special: Under the Skin. (R) **12.05** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **1.10** Film: Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story. (2005) Premiere. Family drama, starring Kurt Russell. **3.05** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **3.40** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 The Simpsons. Marge writes a novel. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. Darren betrays Hannah when her condition takes a turn for the worse. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.30** Jamie at Home. The chef serves up winter salad dishes. (R) **8.00** River Cottage Heroes. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall holds a celebratory dinner. (R) **9.00** Gordon Ramsay's F Word. Two international restaurants compete in the final heat. **10.20** Alan Carr: Chatty Man New Year's Special. With David Tennant, Catherine Tate and Davina McCall. **11.30** King of the Hill.

12.00 King of the Hill. **12.30** Film: And When Did You Last See Your Father? (2007) **2.10** The Truth About Street Weapons. (R) **2.20** Deadliest Catch. **3.10** The Hills. **4.20** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.05** One Tree Hill. **5.55** The Treacle People. (R)

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Christmas Television

Wednesday

December 30th 2009



Choice



THE TURN OF THE SCREW

BBC1, 9pm

Henry James's classic novella has been adapted for the small screen. Michelle Dockery heads the cast as Ann, a governess who takes charge of two orphans living in the country house of their emotionally distant uncle. At first, she bonds with the children and their loyal housekeeper; their lives seem idyllic. But then Ann begins seeing two mysterious figures on the estate, which may or may not be the ghosts of two former servants who died in myserious circumstances — and whose presence has a disturbing effect on the young and impressionable governess. Sue Johnston and Corin Redgrave also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** CBBC: Bear Behaving Badly. **9.20** Dani's House. (R) **9.50** Shaun the Sheep. (R) **10.00** Film: Piglet's Big Movie. (2003) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of John Fiedler. **11.10** Film: The Tigger Movie. (2000) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **12.20** Film: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco. (1996) Animal adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **1.45** BBC News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Film: The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, with Tim Allen. **3.35** Film: Mary Poppins. (1964) Disney musical fantasy, with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. **5.50** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave. (R)

6.20 BBC News; Weather. **6.50** Regional Programmes. **7.00** Big Top.

7.30 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Joe Pasquale, Roger Black, Tony Audenshaw and Diane Louise Jordan.

8.00 **Waterloo Road.** The day of the talent contest arrives.

9.00 **The Turn of the Screw.** Chilling period drama, with Michelle Dockery and Sue Johnston.

10.30 BBC News. **10.45** Regional News; Weather.

10.50 **The National Lottery Draws.**

11.00 **Victoria Wood: What Larks!**

11.45 **Film 2009 with Jonathan Ross;** National Lottery Update.

12.15 Film: The Gingerbread Man. (1998) Legal thriller, with Kenneth Branagh; Weatherview. **2.10** Sign Zone: Cranford. (R) **3.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Me Too! **6.20** Big Cook Little Cook. (R) **6.40** Brum. (R) **6.55** Pingu. (R) **7.00** CBBC: Arthur. **7.15** Arthur. (R) **7.30** Inside Life. **8.00** Gimme a Break. (R) **8.30** Wainwright Walks. (R) **9.00** Great Railway Journeys. (R) **9.50** Animal Park. **10.35** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **11.35** Victorian Farm. (R) **12.35** Coast. (R) **1.35** Campion. (R) **3.25** Ready Steady Cook. (R) **4.10** Are You Being Served? (R) **4.45** Flog It! (R) **5.30** A Child's Christmases in Wales. (R)

6.30 **Springwatch Christmas Special 2009.** The Springwatch and Autumnwatch team presents highlights from the 2009 series.

8.00 **James May's Toy Stories.** James embarks on a project to build a full-size house from Lego, enlisting hundreds of people to help the construction using more than three million toy bricks. (R)

9.00 **Three Men Go to Ireland.** Part one of two. Dara O Briain, Griff Rhys Jones and Rory McGrath sail from Dublin to Limerick.

10.00 **2009 Unwrapped with Miranda Hart.** The comedienne hosts a satirical look at 2009.

11.00 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks: Where Are They Now?** Highlights from the latest series. (R)

11.30 **I'm Alan Partridge.** Alan seeks excitement. (R)

12.00 Grumpy Old New Year. (R) **12.55** Film: On Dangerous Ground. (1951) Thriller, starring Robert Ryan. **2.15** BBC News. **3.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Last Free Man. (2001) Detective drama, starring Angela Lansbury. **12.05** Martin Clunes: A Man and His Dogs. (R) **1.05** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Regional Programme. **1.30** Film: The Mirror Crack'd. (1980) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **3.30** Lewis. (R) **5.30** All the Queen's Horses with Alan Titchmarsh. (R)

6.30 **Regional Programmes.**

6.45 **ITV News; Weather.**

7.00 **Grimefighters.** Specialist clean-up teams.

7.30 **Emmerdale.** Mark has a near-miss when Natasha pays Faye a visit.

8.00 **Countrywise.** One-hour special in which Paul Heiney journeys through Yorkshire and Lancashire, looking at whether an age-old rivalry still exists between the two neighbouring regions.

9.00 **Piers Morgan's Review of the Year.** The presenter and journalist looks back at the events and news that dominated 2009, with contributions by guests including Louis Walsh, Alastair Campbell and Amanda Holden.

10.30 **ITV News; Weather.**

11.05 **Regional Programme.**

11.10 **FILM: End of Days.** (1999) Supernatural adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.15 Six Degrees; (R) **ITV News** Headlines. **2.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **3.00** **ITV Nightscreen.** **5.30** **ITV Morning News.**

Channel 4

6.05 Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.20** Frasier. (R) **7.45** Will & Grace. (R) **8.10** According to Jim. **8.40** T4: Friends. (R) **9.15** T4: Friends. (R) **9.45** T4: 90210. **10.35** T4: JLS Love Jacko: Top 10. (R) **11.35** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.05** Film: Battle of the Bulge. (1965) World War Two drama, starring Robert Shaw. **3.05** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **3.40** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 **The Simpsons.** Milhouse and his mother leave Springfield. (R)

6.30 **Hollyoaks.** Lydia begins to grow suspicious of Zoe.

7.00 **Channel 4 News.**

7.30 **My Father the Mercenary.** The story of a soldier of fortune. Part of the First Cut strand. (R)

8.00 **The Turin Shroud: The New Evidence.** Recent research casting fresh light on the shroud's origins.

9.00 **Tsunami: Caught on Camera.** The story of the 2004 Boxing Day tragedy.

10.35 **Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2008.** Hosted by Jimmy Carr, with James Corden, Claudia Winkleman and Davina McCall. (R)

12.45 Grey Gardens. **2.25** Strange Little Girls. (R) **2.40** 4Music: This Week's 4Music Top 20. **4.25** The Hills. **4.50** St Elsewhere. **5.45** Planet Cook. (R)

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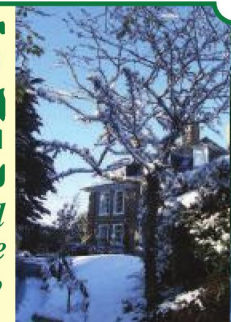
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Christmas Television

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st 2009



Eastenders - 7.30pm BBC1

Choice



JOOLS' ANNUAL HOOTENANNY 2009

BBC2, 11pm

There's only one place to be on New Year's Eve and that's in front of the box watching Jools and his various musical guests as they say hello to 2010 in style. Why bother spending vast amounts of cash seeing the New Year in with drunken revellers in your local boozer, when you can relax in the company of Jools and friends and listen to some decent music? As always, the new decade will be brought in by the pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion of The Scots Guards. Featuring performances by Tom Jones, Boy George, Dizzee Rascal, Roger Daltrey and Lily Allen.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** CBBC: Bear Behaving Badly. **9.25** Dani's House. (R) **9.55** Film: The Magic Roundabout. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ian McKellen. **11.15** Film: Flubber. (1997) Children's comedy remake, starring Robin Williams. **12.40** Film: The Ant Bully. (2006) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Julia Roberts. **2.00** BBC News; Weather. **2.15** Regional News; Weather. **2.15** Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement. (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **4.00** Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Stiller. **5.20** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. (R) **5.50** BBC News; Weather.

6.20 Regional Programmes.

6.30 Top of the Pops New Year's Eve 2009.

Featuring Robbie Williams, Alexandra Burke and Muse.

7.30 EastEnders. Syed fails to obtain Qadim's blessing.

8.00 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Captain Jack Sparrow battles to save his soul from the legendary Davy Jones. Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp.

10.20 BBC News; Weather.

10.40 The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show. With Sarah Jessica Parker, Dominic West and Joan Rivers. Last in the series.

11.45 New Year Live 2009.

12.15 Film: Bandits. (2001) Comedy crime adventure, starring Bruce Willis; Skiing Weatherview. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Me Too! **6.20** Big Cook Little Cook. (R) **6.40** Brum. (R) **6.55** Pingu. (R) **7.00** CBBC: The Tale of Jack Frost. **7.30** Inside Life. (R) **8.00** Gimme a Break. (R) **8.30** Wainwright Walks. (R) **9.00** Great Railway Journeys. (R) **9.50** Animal Park. (R) **10.35** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **11.35** Victorian Farm. (R) **12.35** Coast. (R) **1.35** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **2.20** Flog It! (R) **3.05** Ready Steady Cook. **3.50** Campion. (R) **5.40** Escape to the Country.

6.25 Are You Being Served?

The staff members compete to play Father Christmas. (R)

6.55 FILM: Easy Virtue.

(2008) Premiere. An Englishman in the 1920s marries a brash American woman, to the horror of his family. Romantic comedy, with Jessica Biel.

8.25 dinnerladies. The crew prepares for the millennium dinner, but Tony makes a discovery on the fire escape which puts a damper on the festivities. (R)

9.00 FILM: The Painted Veil.

(2006) Premiere. An English doctor in Twenties China takes his unfaithful wife on a dangerous journey. Revenge drama, starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts.

11.00 Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2009. With Tom Jones, Boy George, Dizzee Rascal, Roger Daltrey and Lily Allen.

1.20 Glastonbury 2009. (R) **3.25** Film: They Live By Night. (1948) Crime drama, starring Farley Granger. **4.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Film: Murder, She Wrote: A Story to Die For. (2000) Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **12.05** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special. (R) **1.05** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Regional Programme. **1.30** Film: Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Albert Finney. **3.55** Film: Superman. (1978) Comic-strip adventure, starring Christopher Reeve.

6.30 Regional Programmes.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Emmerdale. Ryan fails to persuade Katie to go to Sheffield with him.

7.30 River Monsters.

Reports of attacks by sharks in fresh water. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Emmerdale.

Maisie makes suggestive comments to Ryan in front of Katie.

8.30 Coronation Street.

Molly tries to lure Kevin away from Sally.

9.00 Sleep with Me.

A couple are lured into a mysterious woman's seductive and menacing game. Feature-length erotic thriller, starring Adrian Lester and Jodhi May.

10.35 Ad of the Decade.

Countdown of the 20 greatest TV commercials of the past 10 years. (R)

11.35 ITV News: Countdown to 2010.

12.05 Film: Midnight Run. (1988) Comedy thriller, starring Robert De Niro; ITV News Headlines. **2.25** Six Degrees. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.20** Frasier. (R) **7.40** Will & Grace. (R) **8.05** According to Jim. **8.30** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.30** T4: Friends. (R) **10.00** T4: 90210. **10.55** T4: The World's Greatest Pop Star: Beyonce. (R) **12.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **1.05** Film: Romancing the Stone. (1984) Comedy adventure, starring Michael Douglas. **3.05** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **3.40** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 The Simpsons.

Guest starring Simon Cowell. (R)

6.30 Hollyoaks. Lydia and Zoe engage in a vicious battle of wills.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.30 The Greatest Songs of the Noughties. The best music of the past 10 years. (R)

9.00 Your Top 20 Celebrity Big Brother Moments. Memorable highlights from the celebrity version of the reality show.

10.00 The Greatest TV Shows of the Noughties.

Small-screen viewing habits over the past 10 years. (R)

11.45 Alan Carr: Chatty Man New Year's Special. (R)

12.45 Hits and Headlines: Christmas Number Ones 95-08. (R) **2.40** One Minute Past Midnight. (R) **2.50** Film: South of St Louis. (1948) Western, starring Joel McCrea. **4.20** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.05** Age of Love. (R) **5.50** The Treacle People. (R)

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New Year's Day

Friday, January 1st 2010



Gavin & Stacey - 9pm BBC1

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DOCTOR WHO

BBC1, 6.40pm

Well, it's here at last — the last-ever episode of David Tennant's Tardis tenure. It's also, of course, the final script written by Russell T Davies. As anybody who tuned into Christmas Day's episode will already know, the Master is back — and he's even more bonkers than ever before. An ancient trap is also closing around the Earth. Only the Doctor knows how to stop it, and he has help from an unlikely companion — Donna's granddad Wilf. We already know the episode isn't going to end well for the gallivanting Gallifreyan, so get those hankies ready. Bernard Cribbins, John Simm, Timothy Dalton and Catherine Tate also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** CBBC: Bear Behaving Badly. **9.20** What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) **9.45** Film: The Sword in the Stone. (1963) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Ricky Sorenson. **11.05** Film: Muppet Treasure Island. (1996) Musical puppet comedy, with Tim Curry. **12.35** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. **12.40** BBC News; Weather. **12.50** Regional News; Weather. **12.55** Doctor Who. (R) **1.55** Film: Shark Tale. (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Will Smith. **3.15** Film: Superman Returns. (2006) Comic-book adventure, starring Brandon Routh. **5.40** BBC News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programmes.
6.10 EastEnders.

6.40 Doctor Who. David Tennant's final appearance as the Doctor.

7.55 EastEnders. Syed confesses the truth to Zainab.

8.30 Celebrity Mastermind. With Ed Byrne, John Bishop, Anneka Rice and Tristan Gemmill.

9.00 Gavin & Stacey. Nessa and Dave's wedding day arrives. Last in the series.

9.30 QI. With Graham Norton, David Mitchell, Dara O Briain and Alan Davies.

10.00 Live at the Apollo.

10.30 BBC News; Weather.

10.45 The National Lottery EuroMillions Draw.

10.55 FILM: Sweet Home Alabama. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas; Weatherview.

12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Me Too! **6.20** Big Cook Little Cook. (R) **6.40** Brum. (R) **6.55** Pingu. (R) **7.00** CBBC: Arthur. **7.25** Inside Life. (R) **7.55** Gimme a Break. (R) **8.25** Wainwright Walks. (R) **8.55** Great Railway Journeys. (R) **9.45** Animal Park. (R) **10.15** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **11.15** New Year's Day Concert. **12.40** Film: Big Jake. (1971) Western, starring John Wayne. **2.25** Film: The Guns of Navarone. (1961) World War Two adventure, starring Gregory Peck. **4.55** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. (R) **5.00** Funny Women: Mollie Sugden. (R) **5.30** Funny Turns: John Inman. (R)

6.00 Are You Being Served? Festive edition of the Seventies comedy. (R)

6.30 The Story of Are You Being Served? Examining the appeal of the TV sitcom.

7.30 Are You Being Served? Colourised pilot episode of the vintage comedy. (R)

8.00 Three Men Go to Ireland. Part two of two. The companions head toward Limerick.

9.00 FILM: The Good Shepherd. (2006) Premiere. A CIA worker faces a terrible choice between national security and the safety of his family. Spy drama, with Matt Damon and Robert De Niro.

11.40 I'm Alan Partridge. Alan meets his biggest fan. (R)

12.10 I'm Alan Partridge. (R)

12.40 2009 Unwrapped with Miranda Hart. (R) **1.40** Film: Crossfire. (1947) Drama, starring Robert Mitchum. **3.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Film: Carry On Screaming. (1966) British spoof horror, starring Kenneth Williams. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Film: Some Like It Hot. (1959) Romantic comedy, with Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe. **2.50** The Railway Children. (R) **4.50** Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. (1971) Musical adventure, with Gene Wilder.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Emmerdale. Ryan jumps at the chance to go to Home Farm with Katie, but only because he cannot stop thinking about Maisie.

7.30 Coronation Street. Steve and Becky wonder if their marriage was a mistake.

8.00 Countrywise. Paul Heiney visits East Anglia. (R)

8.30 Coronation Street. Becky announces she is going to sleep on the sofa.

9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. The elderly sleuth investigates when an old friend suspects foul play at the family home — and soon a theatrical performance for the guests leads to murder. Julia McKenzie stars.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 Piers Morgan's Review of the Year. The events that dominated 2009. (R)

12.45 Film: Connie and Carla. (2004) Premiere. Comedy, starring Toni Collette; ITV News Headlines. **2.25** Six Degrees. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** Planet Cook. (R) **6.30** Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **6.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.20** Film: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie. (2004) Children's animated comedy, with the voice of Tom Kenny. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Friends. (R) **9.55** T4: 90210. **10.50** T4: Mariah Carey Special: Under the Skin. **11.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **12.55** Jamie at Home. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham, Exeter and Catterick. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 The Simpsons. Homer is jailed for 10 years. With the voice of Jon Lovitz. (R)

6.30 Hollyoaks. The villagers struggle to come to terms with the violent events of the previous night.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.05 FILM: The Italian Job. (1969) A crook puts together a foolproof plan to steal £4million in gold and make a quick getaway in a fleet of Minis. Crime comedy, starring Michael Caine.

9.05 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2009. Jimmy Carr is joined by celebrities including Charlie Brooker, Jonathan Ross, David Mitchell and Rob Brydon for the quiz show that looks back at events over the past 12 months.

11.10 Gordon Ramsay's F Word. Two international restaurants compete in the final heat. (R)

12.35 Rude Tube. (R) **1.35** The Last Dragon. (R) **3.30** Beach Volleyball. **4.20** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.05** Age of Love. (R) **5.55** Close.

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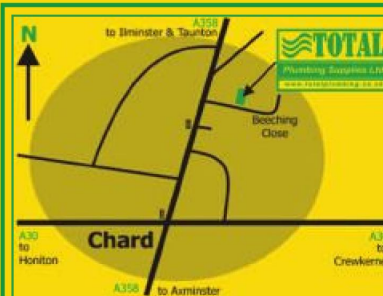
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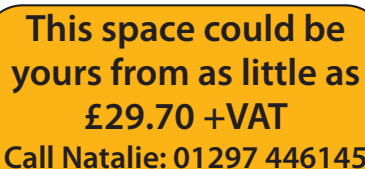
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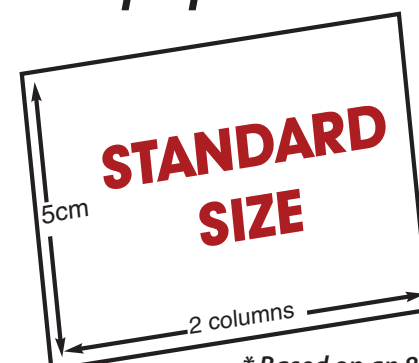
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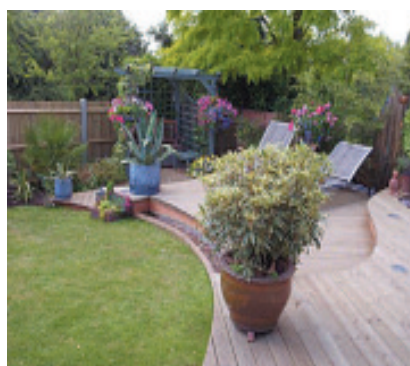
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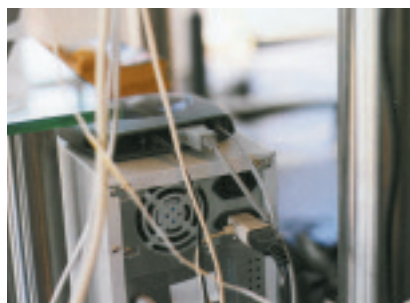
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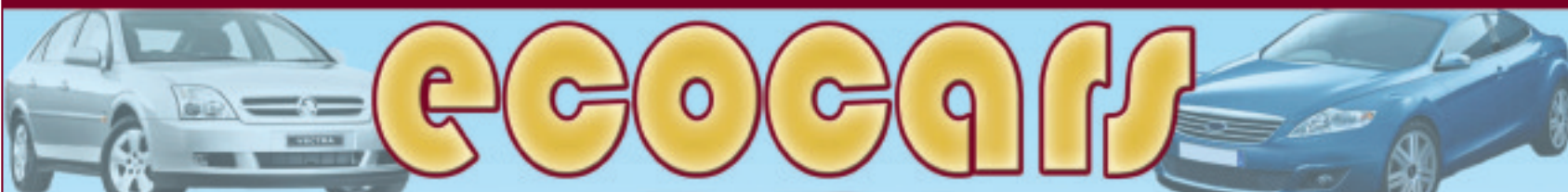
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DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP ROUND THREE REPLAY

BEAMINSTER were not best pleased to have made the trip to Wimborne to face Allendale only to find the frozen pitch half-bathed in shadow with no chance of thawing out.

Referee Martin Underhay was also shocked not to have been kept informed but was refused his travelling expenses by the hosts. Beaminster player-manager Paddy Ford confirmed his club would also be claiming back their travelling fees – it will be interesting to see just exactly how the Dorset FA punish Allendale – expulsion may be?

Should Beaminster progress to the last eight they will be rewarded with a home quarter-final against Ferndown Town on January 16th.

JUBILEE CUP FINAL

THE pick of the League XI's match at Somerton against the Yeovil & District League was a casualty of the weekend's frozen pitches.

The match will be re-scheduled for an evening match, possibly at Sherborne, in the New Year.

SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP ROUND THREE

ALL four ties involving PSL teams were postponed and have been re-arranged for January 2nd although the League is requesting to the Somerset FA that Ilminster Colts' tie at Draycott be put back a week due to their involvement in the Division One Cup Final following Forton Rangers expulsion for fielding an ineligible player.

TOMMY TABBERER CUP ROUND ONE

UPLYME were furious that the first round tie at Beaminster Reserves was cancelled by referee Kelvin Day 40 seconds after the hosts had taken a 3-2 lead.

Uplyme's Assistant manager Andy Cleere said: "We felt the pitch was too dangerous to even start the match, but the referee felt it was ok. But for him then to

abandon it just after Beaminster had scored, and the cut-off time of 70 minutes had lapsed, was puzzling." Beaminster stormed into an early 2-0 lead through Chris Park and Dan Hyett before Gavin Fowler pulled one back.

Beaminster's Tommy Record was then showed a straight red card by referee Day for a cynical foul on Adam Neale which left the promising teenager unable to continue, and with no substitutes Uplyme, like The Rainbows played the remainder of the match with 10 men.

Fowler netted his fifth of the season to level things up. Then Pyett grabbed his second and the game was stopped soon after. The two teams await the findings of PSL.

BILL BAILEY CUP ROUND ONE

HAT-TRICKS for Chris Mathews and James Pitcher gave White Horse Reserves an impressive 8-3 win over cup holders Luso-Chard.

Left-midfielder Mathews popped-up at the near post to head home Ashley Walkey's second minute corner and Horse looked well-set. But a 20 minute sleepy spell let their hosts back in with a chance – and they took it will both hands scoring three times to take control.

However the stable door wasn't bolted and Horse put their wobbly period behind them to gallop into a half-time 4-3 lead with goals from Mathews and two from Pitcher.

Mathews completed his triple seconds after the restart and cantered home with further strikes from Pitcher, Mathews and Russell Weller who netted for the fourth time in five outings.

REG EGLON CUP QUARTER-FINAL

CHARD United Reserves have a semi-final at Waytown Hounds on January 16th to look forward to after a 2-0 victory over Hawkchurch Reserves on a crispy Jocelyn Park. The Hawks' looked

to be in the ascendancy and heading for their first away win of the season after defending the slope and heading into the interval at 0-0. But Stefan Coombs with his eighth goal of the season and top-scorer Ricky Anderson with his 11th had other ideas.

Top performer for the visitors was Joe Carter in his holding midfield role. The other semi-final will see Thorncombe Reserves entertain cup favourites Farway United Reserves.

DIVISION ONE

CHARD Rangers gave their Division One survival hopes a boost with a 1-0 win over Thorncombe at Jocelyn Park.

Lee Seymour struck the decisive goal in the 80th minute to land a first win in 10 games for the Rangers who's Man-of-the-Match was James Walpole.

Star man for the Thorns was goalkeeper Nathan Bandy who kept his ex-team mates at bay with some stunning saves.

DIVISION TWO

AFTER a six-week lay-off it was back to business as usual for Millwey Rise who re-established their seven point lead at the top with a comfortable 3-0 win over Chard United at First Avenue.

Goals from Danny Larcombe and Adam Whitehouse gave the Slopers a 2-0 lead at the break. Michael Knight completed the scoring with Chard offering very little threat to the Rise goal. Top performers for Millwey were central-midfielder Callum Garrett and right-back Hayden Lewis.

A freak goal from Ashley Rose gave him his seventh goal of the campaign and second-placed Norton Athletic all three points at Hinton. Rose scuffed a corner kick along the floor to deceive Saints defenders and goalkeeper alike and creep over the line.

Dowlish & Donyatt ended a run of four home defeats with a 2-0 win over visiting Forton Rangers Reserves. It was goal less at the break but strikes from Andy North

and Chris Lang were enough to see the hosts, with Ben Charlton in sparkling form, head into 2010 in third spot.

DIVISION THREE

The match a Unity Lane went with form as Misterton Reserves leapt a place to second after beating Chard Rangers Reserves 4-1.

Missy led 2-0 at the break through Darren House, with his eighth of the season, and Will Brooks – and scored twice more after the interval through Alex Stevenson and Dean Hyet who scored for the fourth game in a row. Tom Brown netted the Rangers' consolation.

DIVISION FOUR

WINSHAM United Reserves are in pole-position heading into the New Year after crushing bottom of the table Charmouth Reserves 9-1 at Bakers Field.

Goals from Vinny Allen and Richard White saw the Winsh 2-0 up at half-time.

The second half saw the goals scattered around between White, Ryan Powell (2), Carl Moore, Henry Broom, Paul Stuart and Rob Long with Dan Edwards on target for the Robins.

The result gave Winsham their biggest win for more than three years when Chard United Reserves were thrashed 10-1.

Promotion chasing Waytown Hounds received a set-back when they were beaten 4-2 at Ilminster A.

Goals from Luke Paul, Josh House and an OG put the hosts firmly in control before Tom Rutland reduced the arrears. House scored his second from the penalty spot to give his side a 4-1 interval advantage.

There were two more penalties in the second-half – one for each team – and both were saved, House and Matt Read being the unsuccessful men.

Rutland did net his second but Ilminster were worth their points. Farway United Reserves completed a League double with a 3-



CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT: Paddy Ford's Beaminster.



GAVIN FOWLER: Two goals for Uplyme, but will they count?



CONSOLATION: Dan Edwards scored Charmouth goal in rout.

0 win at Combe B who failed to find the net for the first time this season. Lewis Grant (2) and Chris Legg were on target for the visitors.

RESULTS

Saturday 19 December

Tommy Tabberer Cup, Round 1
Beaminster Reserves 3 Uplyme 2 (abandoned 71 minutes)

Bill Bailey Cup, Round 1

Luso-Chard 3 White Horse Reserves 8

Reg Eglon Cup, Round 2

Chard United Res 2 Hawkchurch Res 0

Division One

Chard Rangers 1 Thorncombe 0

Division Two

Dowlish & Donyatt 2 Forton Rangers Res 0
Hinton St George 0 Norton Athletic 1
Millwey Rise 3 Chard United 0

Division Three

Misterton Reserves 4 Chard Rangers Res 1

Division Four

Combe B 0 Farway United Reserves 3
Ilminster Town A 4 Waytown Hounds 2
Winsham United Res 9 Charmouth Res 1
All other matches postponed

FIXTURES

Saturday, December 26th

Coronation Cup Final
(at Combe St Nicholas FC 11am ko)
Lyme Regis v South Petherton

Saturday, January 2nd

Division One Cup Final
(at Thorncombe FC, 2.00pm ko)
Ilminster Town Colts v Netherbury

League matches resume on Saturday, January 9th.

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster	9	8	0	1	44	8	24
South Petherton	8	7	0	1	41	6	21
Lyme Regis	7	6	0	1	22	9	18
Barrington	9	5	2	2	21	17	
Ilminster Town Res	9	4	1	4	23	16	13
Combe Reserves	8	4	1	3	19	16	13
Perry Street	9	4	1	4	21	33	13
Misterton	9	3	3	3	17	20	12
Merriott Rovers	7	3	0	4	18	23	9

Crewkerne	10	2	0	8	20	33	6
White Horse	7	1	0	6	10	21	3
Charmouth	10	0	0	10	13	63	0

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merriott Reserves	7	6	0	1	19	10	18
W & M Chinnock	6	5	1	0	30	13	16
Farway United	8	4	3	1	17	10	15
Forton Rangers	6	4	1	1	12	8	13
Ilminster Colts	6	2	3	1	16	15	9
Netherbury	4	2	2	0	13	7	8
Thorncombe	8	2	1	5	17	17	7
Winsham United	7	2	1	4	15	17	7
Chard Rangers	8	2	1	5	14	28	7
Lyme Regis Reserves	6	1	1	4	12	22	4
Pymore	5	0	2	3	6	14	2
Perry Street Reserves	7	0	2	5	14	24	2

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise	10	9	1	0	30	13	28
Norton Athletic	9	7	0	2	35	17	21
Dowlish & Donyatt	10	4	1	5	30	32	13
Beaminster Reserves	7	4	0	3	14	15	12
Hinton St George	10	3	2	5	25	22	11
Shepton Beauchamp	6	3	1	2	16	7	10
Forton Rangers Res	8	2	3	1	12	16	9
South Petherton Res	8	2	2	4	19	19	8
Drimpton	8	2	1	5	18	27	7
Chard United	7	2	0	5	12	30	6
Uplyme	7	1	1	5	10	23	4

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch	10	8	0	2	41	24	24
Misterton Reserves	9	6	1	2	30	20	19
Crewkerne Reserves	8	6	0	2	36	12	18
Fivehead United	7	4	1	2	17	16	13
Millwey Rise Res	10	4	0	6	21	26	12
Combe A	8	3	1	4	14	18	10
White Horse Res	7	3	1	3	14	18	10
Lyme Bantams	9	4	0	5	26	21	9
Crewkerne Reserves	6	3	0	3	17	16	9
Luso-Chard	7	3	0	4	20	20	9
Shepton Beau Res	9	3	0	6	21	35	9
Chard Rangers Res	10	1	0	9	11	42	3

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham United Res	11	7	3	1	43	27	24
Farway United Res	8	5	0	26	12	18	
Ilminster Town A	7	5	1	1	22	12	16
Waytown Hounds	8	5	0	3	36	19	15
Hinton St George Res	9	4	3	2	22	15	15
Chard United Res	8	4	1	3	22	18	13
Barrington Reserves	7	3	1	3	20	19	10
Thorncombe Res	8	2	1	5	15	25	7
Combe B	10	2	0	8	25	35	6
Hawkchurch Res	9	1	2	6	14	29	5
Charmouth Reserves	9	1	1	7	9	47	3

* = points deducted

LYME REGIS LADIES GOLF

by Ellie Langford
Stableford Competition - 17th December.

Results:
Division 1: 1st Jenny Scott 34pts Alt. day player, 2nd Jane Southcombe 33pts, 3rd Sophie Keech 31pts ocb, 4th Jane Andrews 31pts.

Division 2: 1st Lesley Jellyman 30pts, 2nd Margaret Slater 28pts ocb, 3rd Glenys Phillips 28pts ocb, 4th Rhoda Elwick 28pts.

Division 3: 1st Pam Moseley 20pts ocb, 2nd Hanna Jacobsen 20pts, 3rd Sheila Clarinbold 19pts ocb, 4th Jocelyn Marsh 19pts

There were holes in two for: Sandra Shaw, Jane Southcombe, Jenny Scott and Jane Dixon.

LYME REGIS DARTS LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P
Nags Head A.....	9	9	0	0	60	12	18
Rousdon Club.....	9	7	1	1	55	17	15
George A.....	8	3	2	3	33	31	8
Nags Z.....	9	3	1	5	31	41	7
Lamb B.....	8	3	1	4	27	37	7
Rockpoint A.....	8	2	2	4	27	37	6
Lamb A.....	8	1	3	4	26	38	5
Nags Head B.....	9	1	0	8	13	59	2

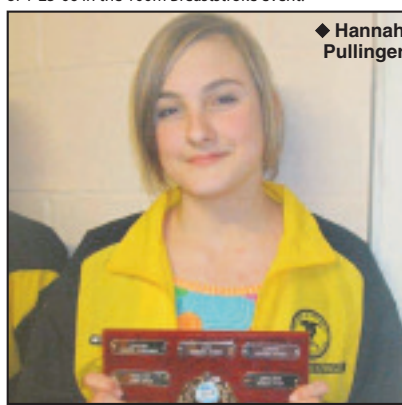
DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Talbot Arms.....	7	6	0	1	43	13	12
Rubber Johns.....	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Royal Standard.....	6	3	1	2	28	20	7
Young Guns +1.....	6	2	2	2	27	21	6
George B.....	6	1	0	5	10	38	2
Royal Oak.....	6	0	1	5	7	41	1

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Terry Prowse (Nags Head A) 5, Highest shot-out: Ben Grainger (Nags Head A) 154.

SWIMMING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS go to Hannah Pullinger from Lyme Regis who was awarded the Chard & District swimming club 'Swimmer of the Month' trophy for November writes Steph Hamlin.

Hannah (14) obtained two new South-West Counties consideration times; 2-21-49 n the 200m Freestyle and a time of 1-25-06 in the 100m Breaststroke event.



◆ Hannah Pullinger

LYME REGIS CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

with Clive Garner

Results for Monday, Dec 14th

Week 14

AXE Vale Club go joint top of the League after winning 3-2 at home to Nags Head Lyme Regis.

The other joint leaders are Axminster Cons despite their 4-1 home defeat by Beer Club. Bottom side Rocky II won at home to Axe Valiants 3-2 while Royal Oak Flunkies Charmouth lost 3-2 at home to Stepps. In the other match New Inn Kilminster beat visiting Ship Lyme Regis 4-1.

In the Beer League leaders Ship Inn Lyme REGislost for the second time this season, 2-1, at New Inn Kilminster. Royal Oak Charmouth Flunkies are third after going down 2-1 at home to Stepps whilst Beer Club won 2-1 at Axminster Cons.

Bottom side Rocky II lost 2-1 at home to Axe Valiants. The final game ended in a 2-1 victory for Nags Head Lyme Regis at Axe Vale Club.

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Axe Vale Club.....	13	9	4	38	27	38	
Axminster Cons.....	13	9	4	38	27	38	

Nags Head LR.....	13	7	6	37	28	37	
Lamb Swans.....	12	8	4	35	25	35	
Axe Valiants.....	12	7	5	32	28	32	
Beer Club.....	12	6	5	32	28	32	
New Inn Kil.....	13	6	7	32	33	32	
Ship Inn LR.....	13	7	6	31	34	31	
Royal Flunkies.....	13	4	9	29	36	29	
Stepps.....	13	4	9	23	42	23	
Rocky II.....	13	3	10	23	42	23	

It's two in, one out at Weymouth

A BUSY week in the transfer market has seen two in and one out at the *View From Stadium*.

Former Terras Stephen Reed and Pierre Joseph-Dubois are back at the club while highly-rated striker Jake Reid has departed.

Reed returns to Dorset on a month's loan from Macclesfield where he's failed to make an impact for the League Two outfit.

The former Cambridge United midfielder was a Weymouth player last season but left just before his team mates suffered relegation from the Blue Square Premier following a home defeat against York City.

Striker Joseph-Dubois, who also turned out for the Terras last term, re-

joins on a non-contract basis.

Read meanwhile has quit the south coast in favour of Blue Square Premier outfit, Grays Athletic, and he could be followed by defender David Obaze who is also believed to be interesting the Essex club.

Terras manager Ian Hutchinson said: "Obviously I'm delighted to get Stephen and Pierre in.

"Stephen played for Cambridge when our new chairman George Rolls was there and he's played a big part in his return.

"He knows the club and will fit in well, and he has plenty to prove to Macclesfield and we're pleased he'll be doing that here.

"Pierre is a lad I've seen a lot of and

he's a good signing as well. He's strong and quick and also knows the club well and will be a good player to have about.

"Both lads are ready for action and would have played against Braintree on Saturday had the game been on. So to strengthen at this busy time of the season is a big bonus for us."

Hutchinson admitted he was disappointed to lose Reid but wished him well at the higher level.

"With Jake going it was important to bring players in," said the manager.

"It's a shame to lose him but I have always said we will not stand in the way of player's progress and we wish him well.

"He's been outstanding over the

past few weeks for us and so it's no surprise he's got himself noticed. But with Stephen and Pierre coming in, we should be fine."

Meanwhile the Terras, who were due to face Gillingham last night in the Dorset Senior Cup quarter finals following two previous postponements, were forced to call in former Premiership referee, Paul Durkin, to inspect the *View From Stadium* surface on Saturday.

The former FA Cup final official had little choice but to call the game off with the pitch frozen with no sign of a thaw.

Hutchinson added: "It was disappointing but there was no choice really. We fancied our chances against Braintree having narrowly lost up there but it wasn't to be."

■ **FORMER** Weymouth boss Matt Hale looks certain to resume his playing career with Yate Town.

The ex-Terras chief has been considering a return to the *View From Stadium* as a player only after he resigned from the hot seat in October. Hale is a close friend of his successor

Hutchinson but he has since started training with the Avon club and is likely to be available sometime over the festive period.

However, with Hale and his wife expecting their first child anytime soon, his Yate debut may be delayed further. Yate boss and former Weymouth star, David Mogg said: "It's a wait and see game with Matt at the moment, but we are hopeful he will be playing soon."

■ **WEYMOUTH'S** Jake Bryan had the thrill of his life during a family visit to Sheffield recently when the 14-year-old from Westham met his footballing hero Ryan Giggs and a host of other sports stars.

Jake, a big Manchester United supporter, caught up with his hero outside the Sheffield Arena which played host to the BBC Sports Personality of the Year show.

Aside from Giggs, he also met cyclist Mark Cavendish, cricketer Andrew Flintoff, Formula 1 world champion Jenson Button and presenter and ex-tennis player, Sue Barker.

Jake explained: "I was up visiting rel-

atives with my family, and my cousins and I went down to the centre before the show started. We saw all sorts of stars going in and it was amazing.

"Meeting Ryan Giggs was great. he was really friendly and it was fantastic that he actually won the award, but everyone who went in was great. They stopped and chatted, signed autographs and spent time saying hello to people."

■ **YEOVIL** Town defender Stefan Stam has met the pupils from his adopted school in Weymouth.

Stam is now linked to Wyke Regis Junior School through the club's Community Sports Trust's Adopt-a-Player scheme where each school is allocated a member of the first team squad who will visit and interact with pupils over the next season.

Trust manager Adrian Hopper said "We are delighted to have even stronger links with local schools thanks to the Adopt a Player scheme.

It will give the members of the team an opportunity to get out in the community and allow the pupils to meet their heroes in person."

WEYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Our Nikki is top Kiwi

NIKKI Hamblin will end the year as New Zealand's top ranked female middle distance runner.

The former Weymouth schoolgirl became a Kiwi earlier this year following a successful residency application.

Hamblin, who went to Wey Valley School before moving to Millfield, is ranked number one in New Zealand' for both the 800m and 1,500m disciplines.

In the 800m event, she boasts a best of 2.00.90, achieved during last summer's Flanders Cup event in Brasschaat, Belgium. Her 1,500 best came at a meet in Uden in Holland where she ran an impressive 4.09.52.

The ex-Dorset star's highlight of the year came at World Championships in Berlin in August, where Hamblin reached the semi-finals.



■ **TOP KIW:** Weymouth's Nikki Hamblin who is ranked best at the 800m and 1500m in New Zealand

WEYMOUTH SAILING NEWS

Ben sails into Weymouth

TRIPLE Olympic gold medallist Ben Ainslie recently dropped anchor at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA).

The world's greatest sailor called in to sign copies of his new book, *Close to the Wind*.

He also took time out to present talented local windsurfer, Izzy Hamilton (17), with the RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year award.

Ben was appointed to WPNSA's board of directors in 2008 where he now plays a vital part in building an Olympic facility for Weymouth and Portland and its residents.

He said: "The Weymouth and Portland National Sail-

ing Academy is a world-class venue for both training and hosting events.

With numerous international regattas, attracting some of the best sailors in the sport, it is a fantastic venue.

"WPNSA has access to some of the best waters on the planet, not only does it cater for elite sailors but it also has an active sustainable legacy programme that will help inspire young people to take up water sports in the lead up to London 2012 and beyond.

"It is an honour to be a director of this outstanding facility and it was great to welcome so many local residents here during my visit."

GREYHOUND RACING

Harry's Yer Man!

WHEN it comes to keeping you informed, Harry Walton's your man.

The area's top journalist delivers all the latest news every week, here in the pages of the *View From* series of publications.

And when it comes to backing greyhounds, Harry's Yer Man as well.

After claiming the Dorset Classic at Poole Stadium earlier in the winter, the locally-trained dog followed up by taking the 450-metre Jem Racing Super Paws title at the same venue.

Jo Burridge's charge had not scored in five races

since October's Classic final, but was soon prominent on this occasion although led by both Seán Lad and Hillcross Orion.

It all got a little tight at the third bend as the trio came together, but Harry's Yer Man looked to be travelling best and so it proved as he forged to the front and went away to beat staying on Musical Jack by two lengths in 26.89sec.

There was a turn-up in the six-bend open event at Poole when St Leger finalist Fraziers Clone could only finish third behind Manners Slaney, but Ballymac Pines landed the odds in an earlier sprint contest.

WEYMOUTH SPEEDWAY

Armstrong on the move?

JON Armstrong may have ridden his last race for the Wildcats. The prolific points scorer may be forced to quit the club because of work commitments.

Manchester-based Armstrong has been out of action since breaking a leg in May 2008, but hoped to be back fit to lead Weymouth's National League challenge next term.

However, a new job delivering for a print firm in Lancashire means he'll probably have to find a club closer to home.

He explained: "The company I'm working for do a lot of work on Fridays, which is the night Weymouth race. Tuesdays and Fridays are going to be my main days for delivering and so that makes things difficult.

"If I was delivering on Tuesdays and Thursdays it wouldn't be so bad but, although I'm not totally sure of what's happening yet, it looks like Fridays will be difficult."

In view of Armstrong's new work schedule, his options are limited with clubs like Plymouth, Isle of Wight, Newport and Bournemouth either racing on Tuesdays and Fridays or having already signed their top riders.

New boys Dudley are an option - one that the rider has already thought about.

"Some of Dudley's meetings will be in Birmingham on a Tuesday," he said, "but it may be I could get someone else to take my equipment to the track and I'll meet them there. It's a thought but we'll have to see what happens."

If Armstrong does leave the Wessex Stadium it will leave bosses Phil Bartlett and Jem Dicken with a major headache when it comes to team building.

The Wildcats have already lost the services of Tim Webster and James White-Williams with only Terry Day and James Cockle confirmed starters for 2010.

Meanwhile hopes of enticing Kyle Newman back to Weymouth have been scuppered.

The talented 18-year-old, who was part of the Wildcats' 2008 title winning side, has moved to Newport from Bournemouth.

■ **WILDCATS** are on the look out for a new main sponsor after Harold Doonan withdrew its support for the National League club.

The building suppliers follow Wessex Buses who pulled out of its stadium sponsorship last month.

Despite the set backs, chairman Phil Bartlett, who last week considered quitting the club himself, is determined to carry on and find new backers before the season starts in April.

He said: "We are a success story and I'm sure there are businesses out there who want to be associated with the club.

"Losing sponsors is a big blow but we are determined to work even harder now to keep speedway in the town."

He added: "But for racing to continue we need the town to support us and I'd urge anyone interested in supporting the Wildcats to get in touch with us."

SHIPTON GORGE TABLE-TENNIS

Top match hit by flu

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

YMCA 14 SHIPTON GORGE A 22

BOTH teams were disrupted for this top of the table clash by the last minute loss of a player through illness, with the home side being more severely affected.

John Cox was in good form for the home side and secured 3-1 victories against Chris Glover and Eddy Buck but he was eventually overcome 3-1 by Richard Trim who takes his unbeaten record into the New Year.

Brian Handsford took three points from Buck and one from Glover before combining with Cox to take the

doubles 3-2 against Glover and Trim.

This win takes Shipton back to the top of the table with a one point margin over YMCA and with games in hand.

Unusual double for Gorge B

IN AN unprecedented move to catch up on postponed fixtures, Shipton Gorge B fulfilled two fixtures on one night and came out on top in both.

COLLITON C 15 SHIPTON GORGE B 22

RICHARD Hill picked up three

points in his first match after a hip operation and was thankful that Ron Tucknott (9 points) and David Poole (7) were in good form, making his return a successful one.

Poole and Tucknott also won the doubles 3-1.

SPRINGFIELD C 17 SHIPTON GORGE B 22

IT WAS Jim Saunders (9 points) and John Moseley (8) who took the honours in this match although they did contrive to lose the doubles 1-3.

Colin Davis in a cameo appearance scored four useful points and made sure of a victory which completed a fine night for Shipton.

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WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

with **Stuart Broom** and **Paul Baker**

HORSE RACING ROUND-UP

Frustrating trip for Buckler

BOB Buckler suffered a wasted 500 mile round trip on Saturday in a bid to keep **The Sawyer's** impressive run of form going but was thwarted by the weather.

The Henley trainer had the 9-year-old chestnut gelding entered for both the Graduation Steeplechase over 2 miles 5 ½ furlongs at Ascot and also the Tommy Whittle Handicap Steeplechase over 3 miles at Haydock, both on Saturday.

With the cancellation of Ascot on Friday due to snow, Buckler and his team, having checked with the clerk of the course at 6.30am on Saturday that racing was on set off for Cheshire.

"We arrived around 10.30am and walked the course and it was raceable and we were all set to go. However it turned progressively colder as the morning went on, and we had a number of snow showers which weren't scheduled until the evening, and although they had spent £32,000 on covers to ensure racing went ahead, they had no option to cancel it.

We went back around the course later and it was reading between -3 and -5 degrees below freezing. The ground was

pretty solid so cold that the snow on the fences had melted and refrozen making the birch in the jumps as solid as bricks.

"It was totally unraceable and dangerous and they had no option to abandon it.

The Sawyer had shown impressive form in his two races to date this season, finishing second at Cheltenham in the Irish Times Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase, before unseating Will Kennedy at Valentines, three from home, in the Grand Sefton Handicap Chase over the Grand National course at Aintree when he looked favourite to win.

"At least they gave us a good lunch before sending us on our way," quipped Buckler.

Crank Hill was the stables only runner last week at Exeter and although he trailed in seventh, Buckler was pleased with the horse's effort.

"He's been off for a long time and the race was over 2 miles 3 furlongs so much shorter than his best distance of 3 miles, and so it was natural that they would quicken away from him. However considering he also missed some work with a bad foot, he did stay on and it was a useful run and brought him on a bit. He is now likely to go at Exeter on New Year's Day."

Christmas and New Year is always a

busy time for all trainers and Buckler is no different with around two thirds of his horses likely to run over the festivities.

They start at Wincanton on Boxing Day with **Mrs Overall**, **River Indus**, **Ballygulleen** and **Over The Flow** declared together with a possible debut for **Double or Quitz** in a bumper.

'Lively out of King George

HOPES of a Dorset victory in this year's King George VI Chase have all but ended.

Joe Lively, whose last win was at Cheltenham in January, is doubtful to run in the Boxing Day showdown at Kempton Park.

The 10-year-old, trained by Colin Tizzard at Milborne Port near Sherborne, has already been removed from ante-post betting by event sponsor William Hill, where he last had odds of 66/1.

If Joe Lively is indeed out then the field for this year's race will be down to 18 horses.

Favourite to take the title for a fourth time is Paul Nicholls, Gold Cup winner, Kauto Star.

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING

Anglers finish the year in sunshine

WEST BAY Sea Angling Club members enjoyed bright sunshine and calm seas but an icy north wind for the last event of the year – the annual Christmas Fayre Match which was won by Simon Bowditch.

The competitors fished from a variety of locations in the Bay many fishing the beaches, after which they retired to the Salthouse for the presentation and a wonderful buffet.

1st Simon Bowditch 5kg 25g, 2nd Phil Maggs 4kg 850g, 3rd Adam Cullingford 3kg 695g

Top Junior Craig Horton 1kg 450g, Most Species Oliver Mears 4 species (dogfish, pout, five bearded rockling and shore rockling), Heaviest Fish Dave Cornick 1kg 380g bass.

The previous day eight juniors signed on to fish the penultimate Jurassic League match on another sunny but cold day.

All the competitors managed to catch some fish, with six of them catching legal fish. Many were rockling, with Oliver Mears managing to catch 16 of the 32 legal fish landed to take first prize, most fish caught and both the

heaviest round fish and the smallest fish awards.

Craig Horton was second and Connor Hallett third. Reece Taylor caught the heaviest flat fish (flounder 79g) and the last fish, a sea scorpion.

Aiden Dean's corkwing wrasse was the first fish landed, although the one caught by Steven Rathbone (113g) was the heaviest non-legal fish caught. Only one pollock (39g) was caught to land Elliot Joy the most unusual fish award and Jake Preston reluctantly claimed the wooden spoon.

Prizes were donated by The Old Watch House Café, Frank Daw, Michael Hallett, Les Peters, Tiny and Kay Guppy.

Phil Maggs won the first Thursday Night match held since October due to bad weather.

All the competitors enjoyed a calm, bright evening at West Bexington, with lots of dogfish being caught as well as some pout and a few small whiting, but alas no cod were landed. Best bait on the night frozen mackerel.

1st Phil Maggs 5kg 10g dogfish, pout & whiting, 2nd Steve Harwood 4kg 770g dogfish, pout & whiting, 3rd Hugh Rathbone 4kg 450g dogfish & pout. Most Species Paul House (3), Pool: Chris Harwood dogfish 985g.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with **Keith Jenkin**

WHAT the rain has been trying to achieve in the way of postponed league matches, with only a modicum of success in recent weeks, the frost managed to do passing well on Saturday last.

Both the BRIDPORT and WEYMOUTH clubs' league games at first and second team levels were postponed.

The DORCHESTER first side managed to get a game in at OLDFIELD OLD BOYS, but their second and third sides' games also fell victim to the weather.

OLDFIELD OLD BOYS 32pts DORCHESTER 10pts
DORCHESTER would have, while not being complacent, felt that, at the onset that this was a game they should have won, if the form book and the current league table was anything to go by. As it is they would have ended the day rather disappointed that they could not have ended the first half of what has

been a very useful season on a winning note.

PREVIEW

AS Saturday next happens to be Boxing Day, league rugby will, of course, take a day off and two of the three local clubs have no planned activity for the holiday.

WEYMOUTH are the exception and have organised an inter club run out, (probably followed by a bit of a "jolly"). Traditionally these affairs generally include several exiles who, although now living "up the line" turn up and renew acquaintance with old chums over a beer, and I doubt if this one will be any different.

May you all have what you would wish for yourselves for Christmas.

FIXTURES: 26th December - Weymouth v Inter Club game.

CRICKET NEWS

Jones opts for Somerset

DORSET'S Chris Jones has set his heart on a county career with Somerset instead of Hampshire.

The talented teenager signed a summer development contract with Somerset CCC this year, after an outstanding season for Somerset YCs in 2008, and earned a call-up to the England Under-17s side.

The 18-year old former Poole Grammar School student has played Southern Electric Premier League cricket for Bashley for the past three seasons, but not even the hypothetical offer of a Hampshire county contract would persuade him to think twice about switching his allegiance to Somerset.

Jones, who is spending the next six months playing club cricket for Sydney University in the New South Wales grade competition in Australia, is planning to combine his economics studies with cricket commitments for the next three years.

He said: "I'm based in Dorset now, I've got a county contract, and I'm proud to be in the Somerset seconds.

"I haven't made a decision about whether I am going to continue playing for Bashley yet but even if Hampshire wanted me to play county cricket for them I would choose Somerset.

"Justin Langer and Marcus Trescothick have advised me to develop the right mental approach to one-day and four-day cricket and not to put too much pressure on myself.

"Somerset is the right county for me."

BETAMBEAU AWARDS 2009

DEDICATION and enthusiasm are the theme of the annual Betambeau Awards that took place recently at the Bridport Leisure Centre.

The awards to commemorate the life of Ronald Betambeau, was set up to celebrate the sporting achievements of local youngsters ranging between the ages of 11 – 18 years old.

This year's winners which saw a record number of nominees were:

Boys 6-12 years: Winner: James Davidson, Runner-

up: Kieran Mulhall. Other nominees: Jed Marsh, George Chantler, Reuben Kingston

Girls 6-12 years: Winner: Anja Jackson, Runner-up: Imogen Slade. Other nominee: Caitlin Appleton-Scott

Boys 13-18 years: Winner: Julio Guarita, Runner-up: David McLaren and Oliver Bowen-Ashwin. Other nominee: Jamie Hunt

Girls 13-18 years: Winner: Nisa Bellinie, Runner-up: Anna Roberts-Wray.



■ CONGRATULATIONS: Some of the award winners with their trophies.

BRIDPORT SQUASH & RACKETBALL

Busy Bridport stuck to bottom

STRUGGLING Bridport failed to improve their league Dorset League Two position with three defeats in the lead up to the Christmas break.

With half the season gone Bridport are languishing at the bottom, two points behind Hamworthy and four behind Purbeck.

Bournemouth 3rd 17 pts Bridport 1st 5 pts

BRIDPORT came back to earth after last week's cup victory over Weymouth.

The continued struggle in the league highlighted many of the shortcomings of the team, not least the fact that at an average age of over 50 against a predominantly younger, fitter, Bournemouth 3rd's, it was always going to be a difficult evening.

Mike Taylor at one, tried manfully against Darren Coghlan who was simply too sharp and quick, especially at the front of the court. A 9-3 9-3 9-0 loss reflected the difference in speed and agility, understandable in a player more than half his age.

On the adjacent court a much rejuvenated Mark Trafford levelled the match against the mercurial Howard Blaney to win 9-6 9-3 9-2.

Michelin star man Doug Fairlie at number 5 took to the court against Martin Player and after a whirlwind first game in which Doug completely dominated, it began to look as though he could cook up a good win. However, with the match hinged at 6-6 in the second game, three fairly simple errors gave his opponent the game and consequently the confidence to see out the match from thereon to win 1-9 9-6 9-6 9-4.

A bespectacled Simon Wood, suffering from eye problems - a major difficulty on a squash court, slowly clawed his way back into his match. After losing the first two games, he won the third with relative ease and at 6-2 up in the fourth he looked to have drawn the sting from Martin Alcock. However, it wasn't to be as Martin picked up his game to win 9-1 9-6 3-9 9-7.

The final match at number four pitched Jol Maclean-Wood against the youthful Brian Barnes. Jol was simply picked off by a talented opponent who controlled the rallies and sent Maclean-Wood scurrying to all four corners to record a very easy 9-2 9-2 9-2 win.

The team have a weeks break to lick their wounds before taking on Weymouth at home in their next match.

Bridport 1st 10 pts Weymouth 1st 15 pts

HAVING turned over almost the same Weymouth team two weeks previous in a cup match, Bridport were hoping for a similar result in their latest league match. The omens looked promising when Weymouth gifted the home side three points when they failed to produce a number five string player.

Surely this was to be Bridport's night, but Mike Taylor, fresh from reaching the Midlands Masters semi-final the previous weekend in Coventry, found Sam Squibb altogether a much sterner test. Squibb was quick and particularly sharp at the front of the court and Taylor wasn't, and in a close fought four

sets won 6-9 9-5 6-9 6-9.

With the match at 1-1, Mark Trafford battled against Ben Lever on the adjacent court. The Bridport captain looked to have things well under control leading two games to one, but then the wheels came off and he only managed two points in the final two games, losing 9-6 2-9 9-6 2-9 0-9.

The resurgent Jol Maclean-Wood levelled things up on the night and put a gloss on the evening with another confident display showing that experience can count, by beating young Simon Horlock. Despite a blip in the fourth game, Jol produced enough good length shots to take the match 9-6 9-3 6-9 9-6.

With the team looking for Simon Wood to extract a win at number three against Gary Biles and crown only the teams second league win of the season, hopes were high, and it looked positive as Wood comprehensively outplayed his opponent in the first game. However, from there on it was a different story. Biles simply waited at the back of the court as Simon's predictable shots were picked off to win 9-2 7-9 6-9 5-9.

It was an altogether disappointing night, especially as both teams accrued 10 points, but the extra five points for winning the match went to Weymouth.

The excellent match supper in the Woodman afterwards provided some consolation.

Bridport 1st 3pts Bournemouth 3rd 17pts

IN the last game of the year Bournemouth 3rd's handed out their early Christmas gift by announcing that they had only brought four players for what was the return fixture of two weeks earlier.

However they failed to take advantage of the three free points, and in fact did not add to that tally as Bournemouth had a clean sweep.

Skipper Mark Trafford took to the court first and was dispatched in less than 20 minutes by Darren Coghlan, a supremely quick, fit, hard hitting player. 0-9 1-9 6-9.

On the adjacent court Simon Wood took on Martin Alcock for the second time in three weeks. It has to be said that Simon was somewhat unlucky in a couple of the games, which with a bit of good fortune could have gone his way. Not least was when he was in a good position in the third game before the ball burst.

Still he came the closest on the night to winning, but still went down 9-10 7-9 7-9.

Mike Taylor playing at the lofty heights at number one, had a tough task against Sos Wilson who always controlled most of the rallies. An enjoyable game, but with the same inevitable result; the Bridport coach losing 3-9 4-9 6-9.

Jol Maclean-Wood had the misfortune of playing Brian Barnes again for the second time this season. He did fare somewhat better this time, but the talented Barnes just had too many shots at crucial moments to win 1-9 7-9 6-9.

Nick Neale's services were not required on the night.

Both teams were thrilled to enjoy turkey and trimmings at the Woodman afterwards. Once again a big thanks to them and indeed the supportive gallery watching the matches.

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Inside: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

MAGPIES LATEST...THE VOICE OF VICKERS

VICKERS LOOKING FORWARD TO DERBY

THE postponement of last Saturday's match at Chelmsford City due to the heavy snow that fell in the east of the country means that Dorchester Town will not have played a competitive match for three weeks before they clash with local rivals Weymouth on Boxing Day at the Jewson Stadium.

Whilst disappointed at the lack of match practice, caretaker manager Ashley Vickers was however fired by his sides enthusiasm and application in training ahead of what locals describe as 'the old enemy'. "It's not ideal preparation but by the same token we've enjoyed some excellent training sessions," said Vickers, who has been assisted by former Real Zaragoza assistant manager Gorka Etxeberria, one of the candidates for the vacant manager's job which Vickers is currently caretaking.

He has been in Dorchester for the last few days looking around the club.

"He's been helping at training this week and been very helpful with some new ideas."

Jules Emati-Emati and Nathan Walker are two of those that have not only benefited from the training but also the chance to get acquainted with their new colleagues.

Vickers said of Emati-Emati: "He looks better and better with every session, and is going to be a great asset."

Of Walker, who joined from Wimborne in the middle of last week, he said: "Nathan has also looked very good in training."

"He is a great header of the ball, and has shown a great hunger already to improve as a player."

"There is no guarantee he will make the

by Stuart Broom

grade, as of anyone, but he has the desire to do well in this standard of football.

"Nick Crittenden is also getting stronger day by day, and it's like having another new player around."

Looking forward to the clash with the Terras, Vickers said: "It's been a while since the last Boxing Day derby game, and it's going to be a great occasion for both the players and the fans."

"We did not play well when we lost to them in the FA Trophy, and if some of my players were unaware of what the result meant to local people, then they do now. "Maybe that was no bad thing, because they are all really looking forward to putting that right."

"I am sure there will be no quarter given

by either side but if we show the same passion as we did in our last match, and

with a partisan crowd behind us, I am confident that we can do well."



■ **ACTION** from Chickerell United Re-serves' 2-2 draw at home to Upwey & Broadway on Saturday, where a place in the semi-final of the Dorset Senior Trophy was at stake

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